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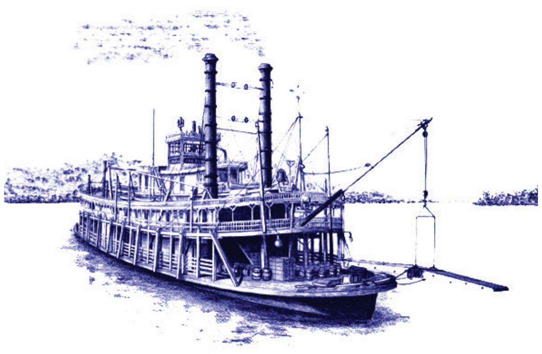

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Georgia man charged in shooting death at Clifty Park

BY BOB DEMAREE

A Georgia man has been charged in the shooting death of another Georgia man that occurred on Wednesday at Clifty Falls State Park.

John Dean McElwaney, 33, Tallapoosa, has been arrested and lodged into the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center after Joseph Renee Lane, 47, of Carrollton, Georgia, was found dead of an apparent gunshot wound to the chest near a parking lot by the North Gate at Clifty Falls State Park.

Detectives from the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division, along with officers from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, are currently investigating the shooting and McElwaney has been preliminarily charged with manslaughter.

The incident was reported to police on Wednesday, Feb. 28, when multiple 911 calls reporting the shooting were received by dispatchers at approximately 2:48 p.m. Indiana Conservation Officers, along with officers from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the City of Madison Police Department, swiftly responded to the scene with law enforcement successfully apprehending a suspect upon their arrival.

John Dean McElwaney

That suspect, McElwaney, has been charged with Voluntary Manslaughter, a Level 2 felony. He was lodged in the jail after undergoing an evaluation and medical clearance.

Upon arriving on scene, law enforcement temporarily closed the north gate at Clifty Falls State Park, parking two police vehicles at the entrance to block traffic from entering. Park guests were instructed during that time to visit the park using the south gate.

Both McElwaney and Lane are residents of Georgia — their hometowns are located about 20 miles apart and about 50 miles west of Atlanta — but police are investigating possible family ties to the Madison area. Lane was charged with Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated in Jefferson County on July 25, 2022. Lane was released from the downtown jail four days later

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Heart of Inspiration

photos by Bob Demaree

Eric Phagan's Madison Junior High School art students are creating five versions of "Janie's Heart" to be sold at CASA of Jefferson County's "When Your Heart is Broken, Make Art with the Pieces" charity auction at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 25 at the Hen and Ben Event Center. Students in Phagan's seventh and eighth grade classes are participating along with the Junior High Art Club. Allizon Torres, a seventh grader at Madison Junior High School, makes her brush strokes on the heart. "Janie's Heart," the creation of local artist Jane Vonderheide, is the centerpiece of the Kindness Mural in the Mulberry Street Mural Plaza. Proceeds from the auction will be used to recruit, train and support CASA volunteers.

Madison Junior High School seventh graders Alysha Reffett (left) and Lillie McAlister paint on "Janie's Heart" while receiving instruction from Jane Vonderheide, the artist who created the original artwork that is now the centerpiece of the Kindness Mural in the Mulberry Street Mural Plaza in downtown Madison. Students are creating five versions of "Janie's Heart" that will be sold at CASA of Jefferson County's "When Your Heart is Broken, Make Art with the Pieces" charity auction on Thursday, April 25.

JeffCo negotiating for YMCA partnership

BY BOB DEMAREE

Efforts to bring a health and wellness facility to Jefferson County continue to move forward with the Jefferson County Health Initiative (JeffCo) reporting at its meeting Tuesday that there are currently negotiations with YMCA.

Last month, results of a feasibility study were released by JeffCo, the non-profit formed to spearhead the efforts, leading to the JeffCo board of directors making a decision to pursue YMCA as its first option.

Jane Williams, JeffCo vice president, said a consultant has "been hired to help navigate a potential partnership with the 'Y' of Switzerland County," where there has been a YMCA since 2001 in Vevay.

Dr. George Alcorn, JeffCo president, said when the group began its work they heard cost estimates ranging from $25 million to $50 million for a facility depending on whether it has a smaller or larger pool, and other elements of the building.

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Southwestern board gives OK for bus parking lot

BY BOB DEMAREE

With more than $500,000 remaining in a Common School Construction Loan for Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation, the school board voted at its meeting on Monday to proceed with development of a parking lot for the corporation's buses.

On May 4, 2022, the Indiana School Board of Education (ISBE) awarded the school corporation a $2.5 million loan. After completion of other proposed projects, $545,138.89 is left at a 1% interest rate that must be spent within the loan's two-year time frame. Southwestern has two months to make a commitment on how of if the remainder of the money will be spent.

The bus parking lot project, proposed in the past, includes asphalt work, electrical hookups, fencing and security cameras. The project's overall cost is $589,643, meaning the additional $44,504.11 must come from either the school corporation's Rainy Day or Operations funds.

The bus parking lot will cost $271,900 of that total and provide parking for all buses behind the bus garage while also creating a road to alleviate traffic congestion when students are being dropped off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon.

The board also approved $62,500 to add an additional 34 general parking spaces on campus. New electrical hookups at the bus parking (mainly for lighting) will cost $120,000

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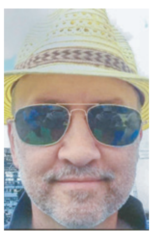
CHARLIE'S BEAT

Girls Weekend is Friday through Sunday

As March rolls around in Madison, you can count on three things happening. The yellow forsythia begins showing its riot of yellow blossoms along the roadways and side yards. We start gearing up for the best darn small town St. Patrick's celebration in Indiana (more on that in a future article.) And the annual Girls Weekend, hosted by Madison Main Street Program, kicks it all off the first weekend in March.



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CHARLIE'S BEAT

The Girls Weekend, now in its sixth year, has become an annual party-pilgrimage for women of all ages, and it just keeps getting more and more popular. "We're kind of limited to 250 tickets," says Austin Sims, director of Madison Main Street. "We want everybody to fit in a single venue on Saturday night for our themed dance party. But who knows, as we go forward and keep growing, we might have to have multiple locations or something."

The Girls Weekend is the brainchild of Julie Truax and Rhonda Sauley, according to Sims. "They told me they'd seen something similar in Holland, Michigan, that was super fun and popular, and they wanted to bring it to Madison. It's a perfect fit for the Main Street Program, with its heavy emphasis on shopping and enjoying our historic downtown.

"At first it was pretty generic. Just, come to Madison for a girls weekend type of thing. But pretty quickly we figured out that giving it a theme really added some energy and excitement. It gives the participants an excuse to maybe dress up in costumes, and it lets the merchants get in on the fun and decorate accordingly.

"Last year we went with a Barbie theme, which fit right in with all the hype around the movie coming out. It was so much fun, I've never seen so much pink in one place! This year it's more of a country theme. We're calling it 'Let's Go Girls! Weekend' after the famous Shania Twain album. So we're hoping for a lot of cowgirl western costumes and clothes.

"We get women of all ages at the event, including a lot of mother-daughter, and even granddaughter groups. The ages are all over, but the bulk are in the 35-40 age range. About one third of the ladies are local, with

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3 non-profits launch joint initiative to combat child maltreatment

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A public training program focused on mandated reporting of child maltreatment is being launched through a collaborative effort between Court Appointed Special Advocates of Jefferson County (CASA) and Prevent Child Abuse of Jefferson County (PCA) in partnership with the Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana (CAC).

This partnership aims to empower professionals and community members with the knowledge and tools to effectively identify and report child abuse and neglect, ensuring the safety and well-being of children in the community.

The in-person Mandated Reporter Training, hosted by PCA of Jefferson County, with CASA and CAC as guests, is designed to clarify the responsibilities mandated by state and federal laws for reporting suspected child maltreatment. This comprehensive program will cover the current state statutes and reporting requirements, as well as signs and symptoms of various types of maltreatment. Participants will be equipped with the skills needed for conducting minimal facts interviews, thereby minimizing trauma and improving the outcomes of investigations.

The Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana, known for providing forensic interviews and support in a child-friendly environment, plays a crucial role in the healing process for victims and their families. This training is a step forward in the fight against child abuse and neglect, reinforcing the idea that in Indiana, everyone is a mandated reporter, regardless of age or occupation.

Program objectives are to:

- Define and clarify the roles and responsibilities of a mandated reporter according to The Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and current Indiana Code.
- Provide clear understanding of legal definitions for child abuse and neglect.
- Highlight potential indicators of child abuse to aid in early detection.
- Boost confidence in participants regarding the appropriate response to suspected child abuse.
- Enhance skills in conducting minimal facts interviews effectively.
- Educate on proper procedures for effective reporting.

Whitney Roberts, CASA executive director, said, ”This is a collaboration between the three nonprofits in our county who understand (and) a testament to our commitment to protecting the most vulnerable in our community. If you've ever been uncertain about whether to report suspected abuse, this training is designed to guide you through making the right decision."

The collaboration between CASA, PCA, and CAC underscores a unified front against child maltreatment in Jefferson County. By equipping individuals with the necessary knowledge and skills, the initiative aims to foster a safer environment for all children.

For more information on the Mandated Reporter Training and to register, visit Childadvocatesjc.net. Training will be held beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, at Ivy Tech Community College in Madison.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

February 26, 2023

Jeremy Doyle Howard, 39, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Theft, both Level 6 felonies. Bond $1,000 cash.

February 27, 2023

Brandy Marie Carroll, 26, New Albany, Indiana, for Possession of a Syringe, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond $1,000 cash.

Scott Michael Doty, 44, Madison, for Driving While Suspended-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years, a Class A misdemanor. No bond.

Tashauna Ann Parker, 27, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant for probation violation. Bond a combined $15,000 cash.

Bond David Romans, 29, no address listed, for Possession of a Schedule Drug, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

Gregory Raney Thomas, 54, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor; and Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Thomas Wynn Jr., 47, Lexington, Indiana, on a court-ordered sentencing for probation violation. No bond.

February 28, 2023

David L. Flowers, 51, no address listed, on a Jefferson County bench warrant and two Jefferson County writ of body attachment warrants. Bond a combined $9,137.06 cash.

Charles Michael Miller, 55, Madison, on a court-ordered sentencing to serve 15 days. No bond.

Allen Lee Ritchie Jr., 20, no address listed, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. No bond.

February 29, 2023

Ricky Lynn Manning, 66, Avon, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear (public intoxication). Bond $500 cash.

John Dean McElwaney, 33, no address listed, for Manslaughter-Voluntary, a Level 2 felony. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

February 26, 2024

Vittoria Rena Workman, 28, Madison, to an amended change of Neglect of a Dependent, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 728 days suspended to supervised probation plus $489 in fees and court costs.

Brandy Marie Ritchie, 46, Hanover, for Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 178 days suspended to unsupervised probation plus $189.50 in fees and court costs.

Thorson Cory Alexander Gibson, 35, Madison, to an amended charge of Strangulation, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 910 days at Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) with credit for 352 days served, 365 days executed and 545 days suspended to supervised probation on home incarceration — consecutive sentencing to 365 days probation for Invasion of Privacy, a Class A misdemeanor — plus $439 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to continue as a term of probation.

Edwin Dale Harmon, 48, Madison, to an amended charge of Criminal Recklessness, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at IDOC with credit for 14 days served and 351 days suspended to supervised probation plus $589 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to continue as terms of probation.

Cruz Yonel Nopal, 18, Hanover, for Operating Without a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $189.50 in fees and court costs.

Edin Alberto Zuniga Corado, 21, Madison, to an amended charge of Knowingly Operating Without Ever Receiving a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $189.50 in fees and court costs.

Roberto Zasvala, 33, Madison, to an amended charge of Knowingly Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 180 days unsupervised probation plus $189.50 in fees and court costs.

Tabitha Jewell Giltner, 26, Madison, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 178 days suspended to supervised probation plus $489.50 in fees and court costs and 90 day loss of license.

Casey Lee Shanks, 33, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $389 in fees and court costs.

Jesus Angel Sanchez Gomez, 29, Seymour, Indiana, Operating Without a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $189.50 in fees and court costs.

Gerardo Matinez Trejo, 33, Hanover, Operating Without a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $189.50 in court costs.

February 27, 2024

Kenneth James Lockridge, 56, Madison, Disorderly Conduct, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 26 days served and 154 days suspended to unsupervised probation plus $239 in fees and court costs.

David Anthony Riley, 33, Hanover, for Cruelty to Animals, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to probation with first 180 days supervised and next 180 days unsupervised if no violations plus $289 in fees and court costs.

John Coleman Nokes, 29, Charlestown, Indiana, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 4 days served and 361 days suspended to supervised probation plus $539.50 in fees and court costs and driver's license suspended for 90 days.

Janell Cherie Cook, 41, Madison, to amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days at IDOC on felony with credit for 4 days served concurrent to 4 days jail on misdemeanor, served. Placed on 361 days supervised probation consecutive to 28 days jail served for unrelated theft conviction plus $889 in fees and court costs.

Dana L. Adams, 52, Milton, Kentucky, to amended charges of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 8 days served and 172 days suspended to unsupervised probation on the B misdemeanor, concurrent to 60 days jail with credit for 8 days served and 52 days suspended to unsupervised probation on the C misdemeanor, plus $589 in fees and court costs.

Paula Lynn Stewart, 38, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 120 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 74 days served and revocation of prior probation plus $239 in fees and court costs.

Joanna M. Blevins, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at IDOC with credit for 14 days served, and 531 days suspended to supervised probation plus $889 in fees and court costs.

Daniel McClellan, 39, Madison, to amended charges of Domestic Battery-2 Counts, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 540 days at IDOC on each count, concurrent, with credit for 88 days served and 452 days suspended to supervised probation plus $539 in fees and court costs.

Robert Aaron Rowlett, 36, Milton, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Unlawful Possession of Syringe, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at IDOC, fully executed, with credit for 82 days served plus $289 in fees and court costs.

Mary K. Parker, 58, Madison, to an amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 545 days at IDOC on the felony, all suspended to supervised probation, consecutive to 6 days jail on the misdemeanor, served, plus $789.50 in fees and court costs.

Quintin Christopher Isenhower, 21, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 270 days at IDOC, fully executed, with credit for 68 days served plus $689 in fees and court costs.

February 28, 2024

James Eric Jester, 46, Madison, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 6 days jail, served, plus $289 in fees and court costs.

Edward Johnathan Theriault, 33, Madison, to an amended charge of Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus $289 in fees and court costs.

Angela D. Dockery, 55, Frankfort, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 246 days to jail, served, with fees and court costs waived.

Jonathan Bradly Robbins, 23, Madison, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 56 days served and 180 days suspended to probation plus $239 in fees and court costs.

Anthony Taylor Romans, 26, Madison, to an amended charge of Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 120 days at IDOC with credit for 46 days served consecutive to 60 days jail for violation of parole (driving while suspended) plus $289 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

February 26, 2024

Bonnie S. Stewart (trustee) and Bonnie S. Stewart (revocable trust) to Bonnie S. Stewart and Linda S. Jones, 132 Montclair Street, Madison.

Michael G. Flint to Flint Farm and Ranch LLC, approximately 278 acres at 1506 North 1025 West, Deputy, 9000+ West Chicken Run Road, Madison, and 1900+ North 1025 West, Deputy.

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David L. Ellegood and Juanita L. Ellegood to David L. Ellegood and Juanita L. Ellegood (trustees) and David and Juanita Ellegood Revocable Living Trust, 3568 North Michigan Road, Madison.

David L. Ellegood and Juanita L. Ellegood to David L. Ellegood and Juanita L. Ellegood (trustees) and David and Juanita Ellegood Revocable Living Trust, 3000 North Michigan Road, Madison.

Andrew R. Scroggins to Robert E. Scroggins and Alma Ruth Scroggins, 308 Montclair Street, Madison.

Kiley A. Schafer to Mark D. Schafer, 3013 East Geyman Hill Road, Madison.

Elissa McGauley and Jill Whaley to Kingsley K. Hanson and Drew A. Barron, 406 Laurel Lane, Madison.

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Jerry D. Wilson to Jerry David Wilson and Melissa M. Wilson, 75 acres in two tracts at 9000+ West State Road 356, Lexington.

Calvin Daughtery to Buddydale LLC and Crafty83 LLC, 1971 South 1066 West, Lexington.

Tumeka L. Kendle to Dragan Cvetanov, 15999 West 250 North, Deputy.

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Precipitation since last published: .06
Precipitation, February 2024: .93
Precipitation, 2024: 7.44
Barometer: 30.39, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 426.38, falling
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Cash Five: 12-17-23-28-44 (2/28)
Cash 4 Life: 7-8-19-22-23 CB: 2 (2/28)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 9-12-27-35 CB 16 (2/21)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 4-10-25-26-34 (2/21)
Lucky For Life: 20-21-29-43-45 LB: 13 (2/21)
MEGAMILLIONS: 6-18-26-27-49 MB: 27, MP 3 (2/27). Next Jackpot: $607 million. Next Drawing (3/1)
POWERBALL: 16-26-29-38-50 PB: 6, PP 2 (2/28). Next Estimated Jackpot: $443 million. Next Drawing (3/2)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 14-38-41-47-67 PB: 7 (2/28). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (3/2)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

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March 2
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March 3
Carla Krebs
March 4
Rick Schnebelt
March 5
Michael Willhoite
March 8
Angela Tompkin Anger

OBITUARIES

Glenna Sue Jones Sproessig

Glenna Sue Jones Sproessig, age 75, of Lexington, Indiana entered this life on September 30, 1948 in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Jess Willard and Sarah M. Gordon Jones. She was a 1966 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. Glenna married Charles Nelson Sproessig on July 22, 1966 in Madison, Indiana. This happy union of 57 years was blessed with a daughter, Melissa and sons, Michael and Angel Sonny. She lived in Jefferson county all of her life, and her days revolved around loving and raising her children. She was the backbone of her family and loved being a mother and grandmother. She was of the Christian faith and enjoyed reading, gardening when she was not with her family. Glenna died on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 2:07 a.m. at her home near Lexington, Indiana with her loving family at her side.

Glenna will be missed by her loving husband of 57 years, Charles Nelson Sproessig of Lexington, IN; her loving daughter, Melissa Sproessig Jester and her husband, Billy of Madison, IN; her loving son, Charles Michael Sproessig and his wife, Anita of Hanover, IN; her beloved grandchildren, Heather (Sean), Flynn (Sara), Morgan, Jenna (Aaron), and John; her adoring great-grandchildren, Kendall, Braxton, and Lorelei; her loving brother, James “Jimmy” Jones and his wife, Teresa of Brooksburg, IN; her loving sisters, Donna Stephan and her husband, Rick of Madison, IN, Thelma Perry of Hanover, IN, Karen Jones and her companion, Kevin of Hanover, IN, Connie Sanders of Hanover, IN; her sisters in law, Norma O’Neal of Taylorsville, KY, Mary Carlisle of Mitchell, IN; her brother in law, Bill Sproessig and his wife, Mary Catherine of Hope, Indiana; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Jess Willard Jones; her mother, Sarah M. Gordon Jones; her infant son, Angel Sonny Sproessig, and her brothers-in-law, Leon Perry, and Billy Carlisle; her father in law, William Lowell Sproessig, and her mother in law, Grace L. Lewis Sproessig.

Glenna chose cremation with no public ceremony. Interment will be in the Sharon Hill Cemetery near Lexington, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Pastor Billy Jay Culp

Pastor Billy Jay Culp, age 50, of Madison, Indiana formerly of Puerto Rico entered this life on July 18, 1973 in ~~{span}~~Mayaguez, P~~{/span}~~uerto Rico. He was the loving son of Bill M. Culp and Andrea Mercado. Pastor Billy died on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at his home in Madison, Indiana with his loving family at his side.

Pastor Billy will be missed by his loving wife of 21 years, Wydalis Hernandez Culp of Madison, IN; his mother, Andrea Mercado of Puerto Rico; his son, Billy Jeremiah Culp-Hernandez of Madison, IN; his brothers, Pablo Vasquez of Puerto Rico, Ricardo Martinez and his wife, Victoria of AL; his sisters, Andrea Vasquez of Puerto Rico, Joy Culp of Madison, IN, Connie Tatman of Madison, IN, Cate Pearson and her husband, Frank of Madison, IN, Christy Kollmann and her husband, Scott of Madison, IN, Carrie Fullenkamp and her husband, Brent of Madison, IN, Karen Stephens and her husband, Dennis of Lexington, IN; his sister in law, Enid Hernandez and her husband, Juan Carlos of Puerto Rico; his brother in law, Ivan Hernandez and his wife, Iliana of Puerto Rico; his step father, Jose M. Martinez of Puerto Rico; his step mother, Bernice Frost of Madison, IN; his aunts, Jewell Mack, Shirley Culp, Jeanne Culp, Iris, and Esther; many cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Billy M. Culp; his mom who helped care for him during his childhood in Indiana, Alyce M. Henson Culp; his grandparents, his aunts, uncles, cousins and a nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 3 p.m., by Pastor Joseph Quiles at the New Life Fellowship Church, 1542 Clifty Drive Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Saturday from 1 — 3 p.m. at the New Life Fellowship Church, 1542 Clifty Drive in Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pastor Billy Ray Culp Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Candy Kay Courter

Candy Kay Courter, 71, of Madison, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. She was born November 22, 1952 in Dearborn County, Indiana, daughter of the late Earl and Virginia (Fogle) Collins.

Candy enjoyed reading and crafts. She liked to knit and crochet. She loved watching cooking shows and sports.

She is survived by her two sons, Timothy (Joy) Courter of Morehead, KY, Scott Courter of Lawrenceburg, IN; two daughters, Nadja (Mehdi) Hammoum of Moores Hill, IN, Rebecca (David) Ingle of Aurora, IN; brother, Robert (Susan) Collins of Brooksville, FL; sister, Connie Lipps of Madison, IN; 13 grandchildren, Dustin, Caleb, Catie, Peyton, Carly, Leatha, Zackery, Aguilas, Ariel, Grace, Jerrika, Zaver, Lane; and two great grandchildren, Aaliyah, Paisley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Virginia Collins; her husband, Edward Earl Courter; and her daughter, Sarah Courter.

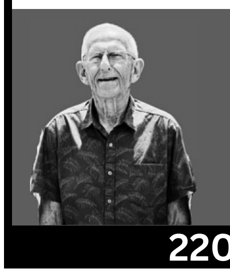
Family and friends will be received on Thursday, March 7, 2024 from 11 a.m.

to 1 p.m. at Fitch-Denney Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at Fitch-Denney Funeral Home, Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 1 p.m.

Interment will follow in the Greendale Cemetery, Greendale, Indiana.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Visit us at www.fitchdenney.com.



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Thomas Darrell Weber

Thomas Darrell Weber, 79, of Madison, Indiana and formerly of Bethlehem, Indiana passed from this life on February 25, 2024, into the arms of our Lord and Savior, surrounded by his loving family.

Tom was born in Hamilton, Ohio on August 20, 1944, to William Weber and Marie Laurel Weber. He was a 1963 graduate of Short High School in Liberty, Indiana and attended Vincennes University and Ball State University. His professional career was in manufacturing, but he found a true calling in his second act as the founder of Rest on the River, a Christian rest home in Bethlehem, Indiana specializing in care for Alzheimer’s patients. In retirement, he continued his calling to serve and was a caretaker for many beloved friends in the Madison, Indiana area. He was a member of Bethlehem Community Church and Southeast Christian Church.

Tom was a talented runner in his younger years and an avid golfer in his later years. But most of all, he loved attending his grandkids’ sports and activities. He was “Pops” to his five sons, “Grandpops” to his eleven grandchildren, and was an endless source of encouragement and support to his family.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert D. Weber and David A. Weber; sister-in-law, Kathy Weber; and many dear friends for whom he was a caretaker.

He is survived by his fiancé and caretaker, Karen Walker; brother, Kenneth J. Weber; sister-in-law, Sharon Weber; sons, Ryan Weber (Pam), Clayton Weber (Karen), Shannon Weber (Carrie), Randy Weber (Sherri), and Casey Weber (Stacey); grandchildren, Kaelee Hubert (Phillip), Eli, Savannah, Riley, Lilli, Bryce, Ava, Maggie, Thomas, Cameron, Andrew; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

The Weber family would like to express their most sincere thanks and appreciation to Tom’s fiancé, Karen, who took such loving and gracious care of Pops during his final days.

Visitation will be on Friday, March 1, 2024, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Grayson Funeral Home in New Washington, Indiana. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Bethlehem Community Church in Bethlehem, Indiana. Saturday visitation hours will begin at 9 a.m. and the memorial will commence at 11 a.m., with pastor Kurt Sauder officiating. Following the burial at Bethlehem Cemetery, all are welcome to join the family for lunch at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Tom’s memory to Bethlehem Community Church, P.O. Box 6, New Washington, Indiana 47162.

Master Sergeant Alan Dale Campbell

Master Sergeant Alan Dale Campbell, age 71, of Commiskey, Indiana, entered this life on December 6, 1952 in Louisville, Kentucky. He was the loving son of the late John and Mary Julia Goins Campbell. Alan died on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 11:54 a.m. at the Indiana Creek Health Care Center in Corydon, Indiana.

Alan will be missed by his loving wife of 52 years, Sherri Ann Holsclaw Campbell of Commiskey, IN; his daughter, Christy Lynn Campbell of Madison, IN; his son, David Alan Campbell and his wife, Nina of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, Devin Rowe (Kaelyn), Dominic Oresik, Nathan Campbell, and Andrew Campbell; his great grandchildren, Troy Rowe and Pippa Rowe; his sisters, Karen Combs of Madison, IN, Larry Campbell of Berea, KY, Garry Campbell of Madison, IN; his twin sister, Jenita Long of Madison, IN; and his sister, Carolyn Whitaker of Scottsburg, IN; his sisters in law, Shirley Shirley of Madison, IN, Dixie Dunn and her husband, Cecil of Madison, IN, Debbie Watkins and her husband, Billy of Indianapolis, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, John Campbell, his mother, Mary Julia Goins Campbell, and his sisters, Carol Whitaker and Velma Moody.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, March 4, 2024, at 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana,

Friends may call Sunday from 4 -7 p.m. and Monday from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with full military honors will be conducted by the Ceremonial Unit from the Wright Patterson Air Force Base and the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Patrick Howard Williams

Patrick Howard Williams, 70, of Galva, formerly of Pahrump, NV, died Sunday, February 18, 2024 at his home.

He was born March 17, 1953 in Indianapolis, IN, the son of Harry Floyd Williams Sr. and Geraldine (Havely) Williams White. Survivors include his ex-wife, Debby Williams, his four daughters; Katie, Mandy, Heather, and Tara a brother, Harry Williams, sister, Peggy Warner and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Mike Williams and sister, Sandy Horton.

Patrick graduated from Southport High School in Indianapolis, IN and then from Hanover College in Hanover, IN and Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. He taught and coached in Indiana, Kentucky and Nevada and at Hanover and Earlham Colleges. He was also the director of Pistol Pat Basketball Camps that were held throughout the United States and internationally.

Throughout his career Pat received several awards including inductions into the Hanover College Hall of Fame and the Southport Hall of Fame and the Kentucky Colonel Award. He also had the privilege of playing on the Indiana All-Star team.

Cremation will be accorded and no services are planned at this time. Rux Funeral Home in Galva assisted the family with the arrangements.

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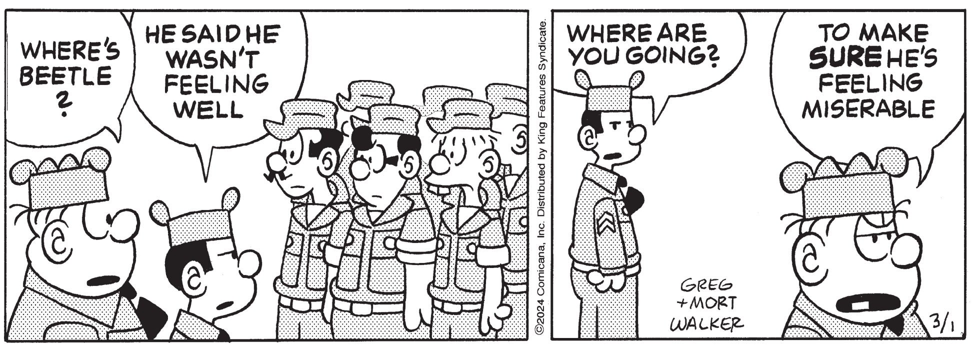
WHERE'S BEETLE ?
HE SAID HE WASN'T FEELING WELL
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO MAKE SURE HE'S FEELING MISERABLE
GREG +MORT WALKER
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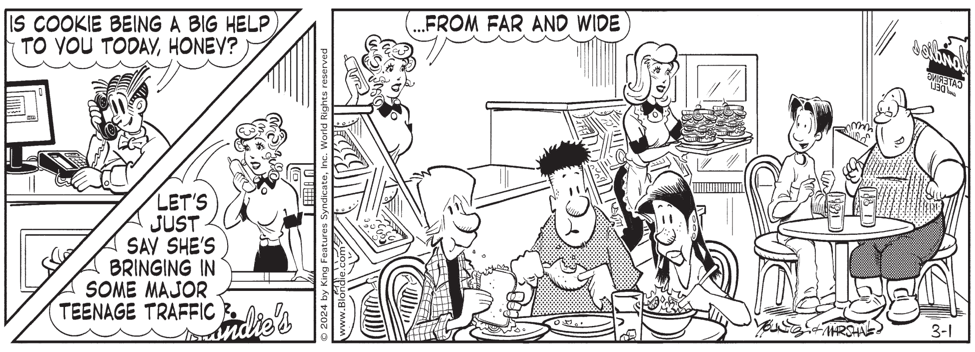
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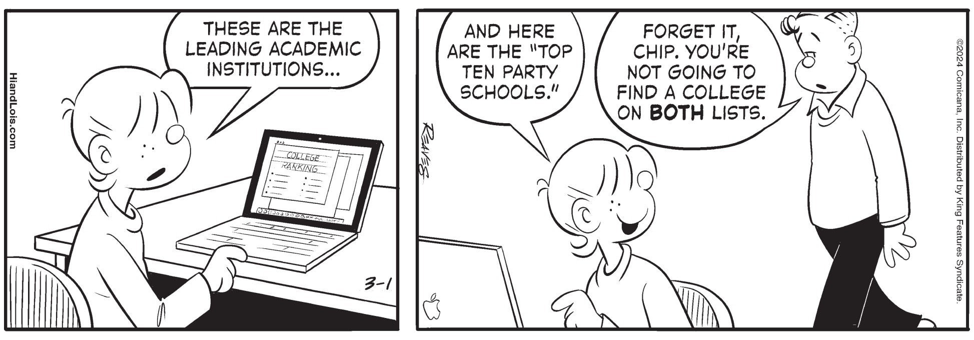
THESE ARE THE LEADING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS...
COLLEGE RANKING
AND HERE ARE THE "TOP TEN PARTY SCHOOLS."
FORGET IT, CHIP. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIND A COLLEGE ON BOTH LISTS.
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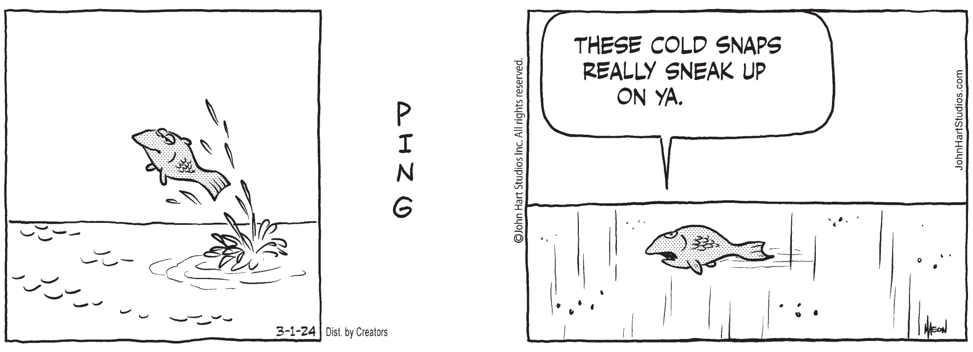
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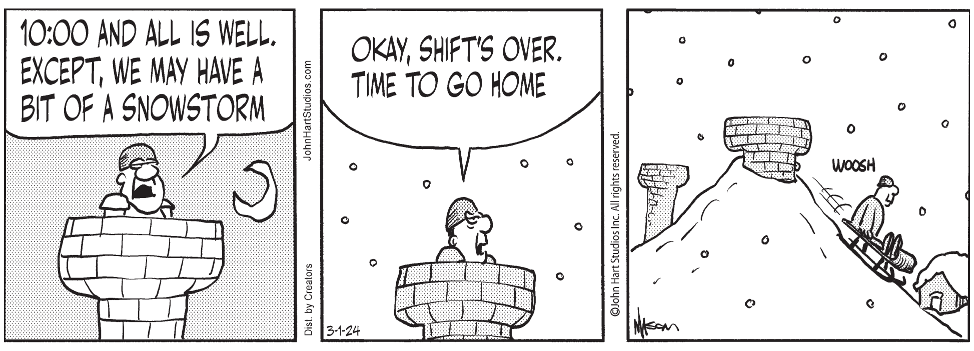
10:00 AND ALL IS WELL. EXCEPT, WE MAY HAVE A BIT OF A SNOWSTORM
OKAY, SHIFT'S OVER. TIME TO GO HOME
WOOSH
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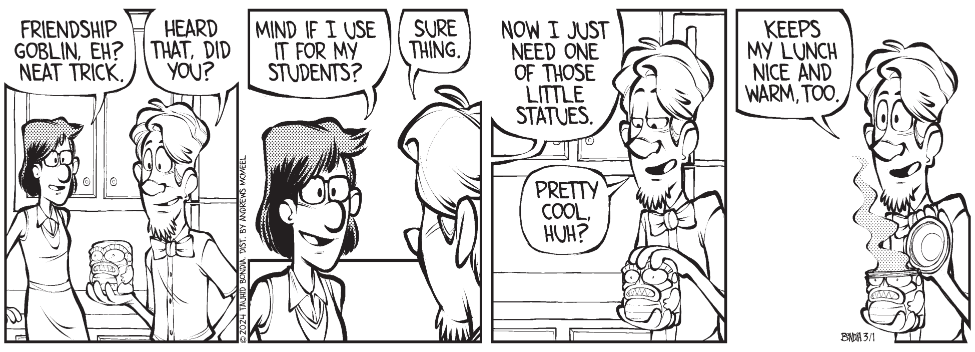
FRIENDSHIP GOBLIN, EH? NEAT TRICK.
HEARD THAT, DID YOU?
MIND IF I USE IT FOR MY STUDENTS?
SURE THING.
NOW I JUST NEED ONE OF THOSE LITTLE STATUES.
PRETTY COOL, HUH?
KEEPS MY LUNCH NICE AND WARM, TOO.
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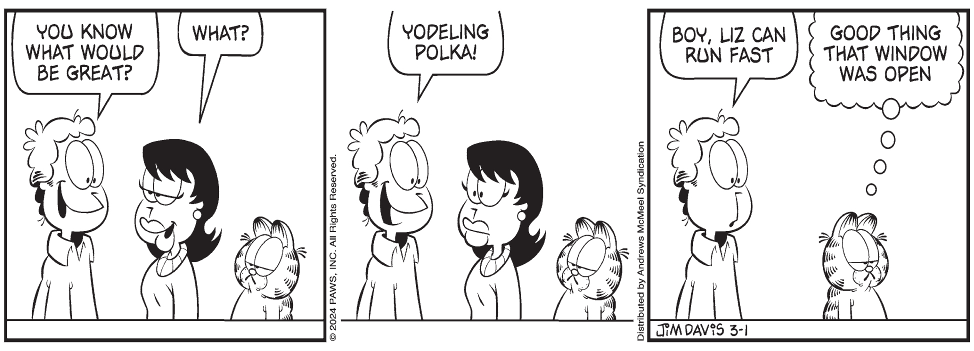
YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD BE GREAT?
WHAT?
YODELING POLKA!
BOY, LIZ CAN RUN FAST
GOOD THING THAT WINDOW WAS OPEN
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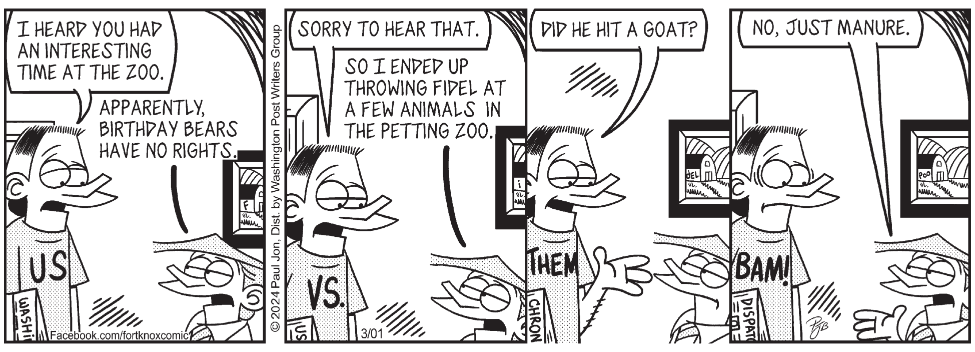
I HEARD YOU HAD AN INTERESTING TIME AT THE ZOO.
APPARENTLY, BIRTHDAY BEARS HAVE NO RIGHTS.
US
SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
SO I ENDED UP THROWING FIDEL AT A FEW ANIMALS IN THE PETTING ZOO.
VS.
DID HE HIT A GOAT?
THEM
NO, JUST MANURE.
BAM!
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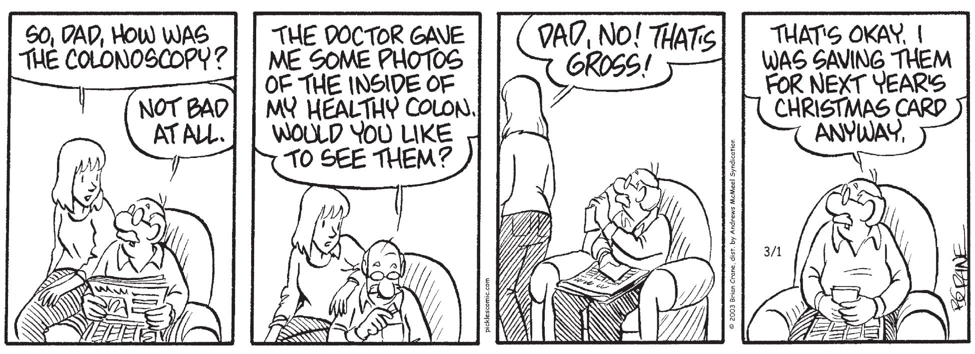
SO, DAD, HOW WAS THE COLONOSCOPY?
NOT BAD AT ALL.
THE DOCTOR GAVE ME SOME PHOTOS OF THE INSIDE OF MY HEALTHY COLON. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THEM?
DAD, NO! THAT'S GROSS!
THAT'S OKAY. I WAS SAVING THEM FOR NEXT YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CARD ANYWAY.
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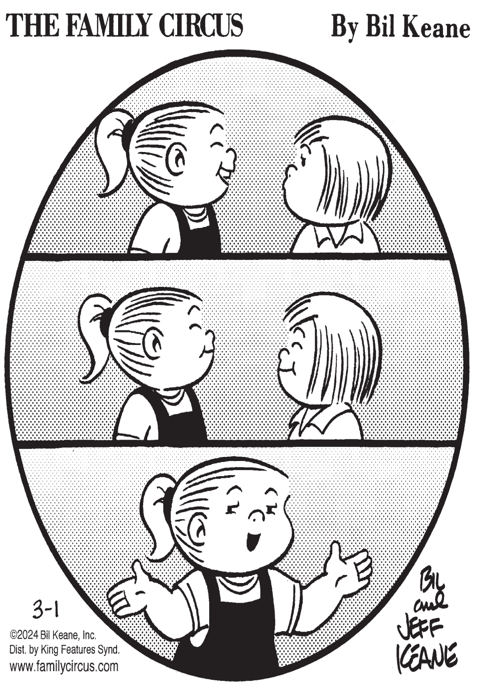
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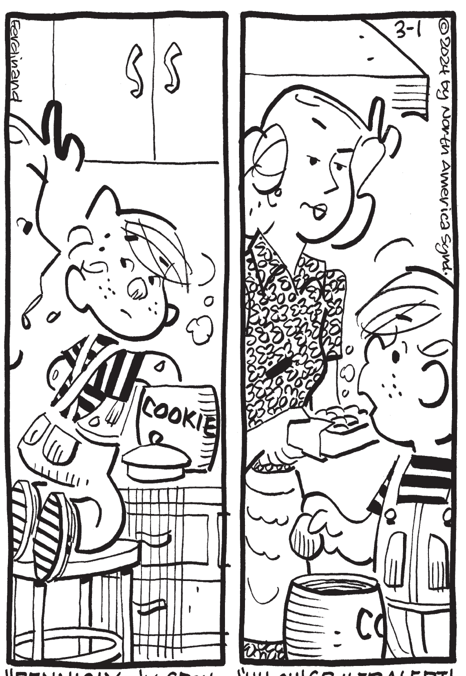
"You can't give a smile away. It always comes back."

DENNIS THE MENACE


Ferdinand
COOKIE
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"DENNIS! YOU'LL SPOIL YOUR APPETITE!!"

"UH-OH! SPOILER ALERT! SEAFOOD CASSEROLE!!"

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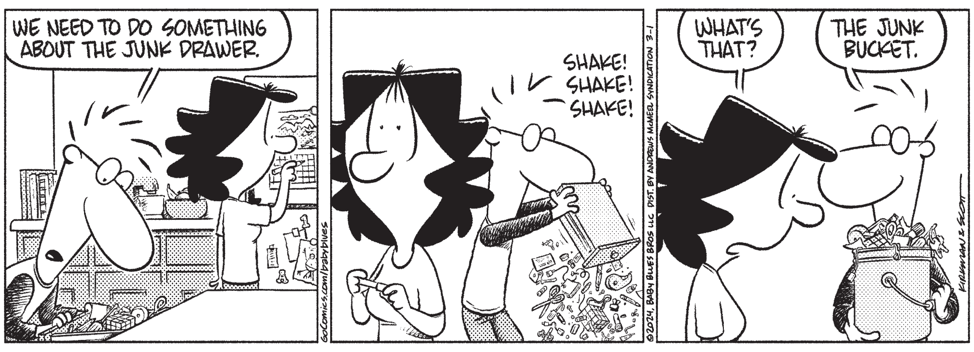
WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE JUNK DRAWER.
SHAKE! SHAKE! SHAKE!
WHAT'S THAT?
THE JUNK BUCKET.
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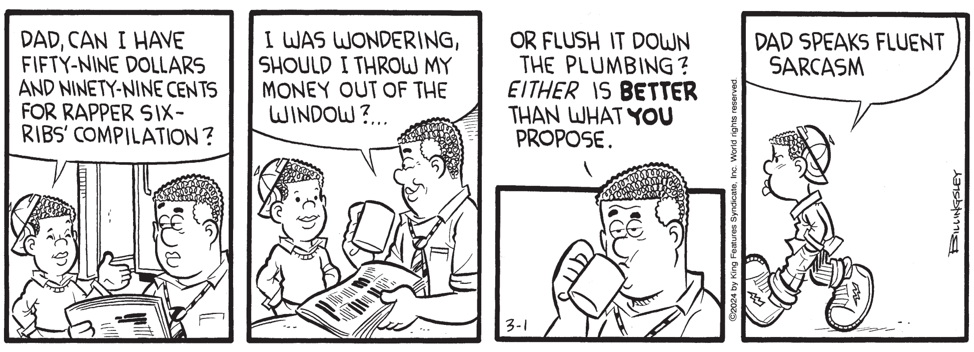
DAD, CAN I HAVE FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS AND NINETY-NINE CENTS FOR RAPPER SIX-RIBS' COMPILATION ?
I WAS WONDERING, SHOULD I THROW MY MONEY OUT OF THE WINDOW ?...
OR FLUSH IT DOWN THE PLUMBING ? EITHER IS BETTER THAN WHAT YOU PROPOSE.
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DAD SPEAKS FLUENT SARCASM
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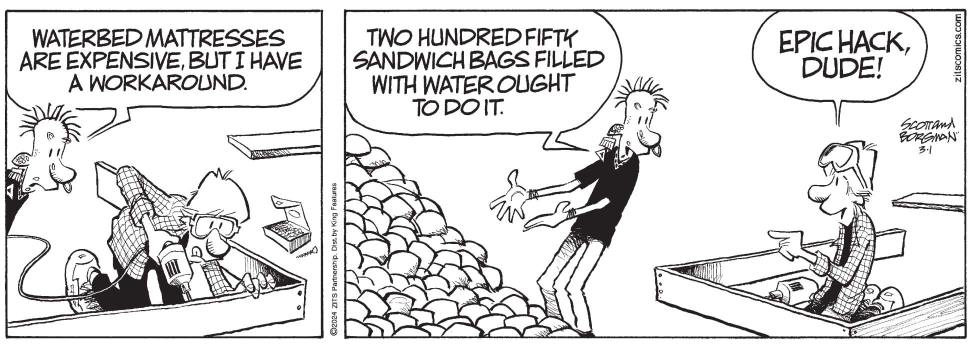
WATERBED MATTRESSES ARE EXPENSIVE, BUT I HAVE A WORKAROUND.
TWO HUNDRED FIFTY SANDWICH BAGS FILLED WITH WATER OUGHT TO DO IT.
EPIC HACK, DUDE!
SCOTT AND BORGMAN 3-1
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 1, 1974, seven people, including former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, former Attorney General John Mitchell and former assistant Attorney General Robert Mardian, were indicted on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice in connection with the Watergate break-in. (These four defendants were convicted in January 1975, though Mardian's conviction was later reversed.)

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon, having escaped exile in Elba, arrived in Cannes, France, and headed for Paris to begin his "Hundred Days" rule.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state as President Andrew Johnson signed a proclamation.

In 1893, inventor Nikola Tesla first publicly demonstrated radio during a meeting of the National Electric Light Association in St. Louis by transmitting electromagnetic energy without wires.

In 1932, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, New Jersey. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, back from the Yalta Conference, proclaimed the meeting a success as he addressed a joint session of Congress.

In 1954, four Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the spectators' gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five members of Congress.

In 1966, the Soviet space probe Venera 3 impacted the surface of Venus, becoming the first spacecraft to reach another planet; however, Venera was unable to transmit any data, its communications system having failed.

In 1971, a bomb went off inside a men's room at the U.S. Capitol; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility for the pre-dawn blast.

In 2005, Dennis Rader, the churchgoing family man accused of leading a double life as the BTK serial killer, was charged in Wichita, Kansas, with 10 counts of first-degree murder. (Rader later pleaded guilty and received multiple life sentences.)

In 2010, Jay Leno returned as host of NBC's "The Tonight Show."

In 2012, online publisher and conservative blogger Andrew Breitbart died in Los Angeles at age 43.

In 2015, tens of thousands marched through Moscow in honor of slain Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov, who had been shot to death on Feb. 27.

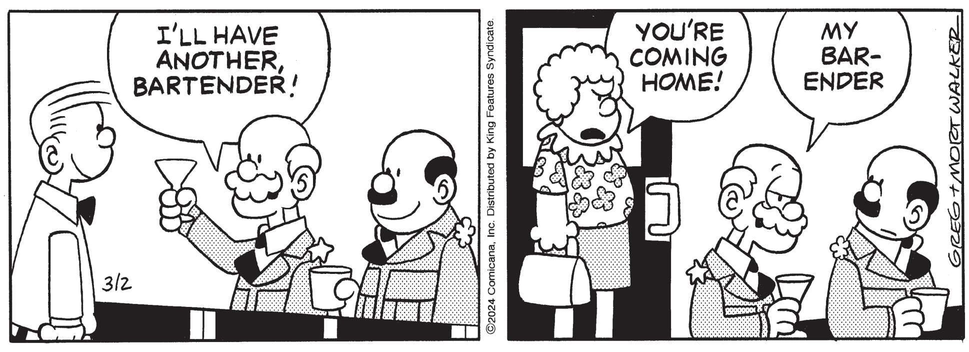
In 2020, state officials said New York City had its first confirmed case of the coronavirus, a woman in her late 30s who had contracted the virus while traveling in Iran. Health officials in Washington state, announcing what was believed at the time to be the second U.S. death from the coronavirus, said the virus may have been circulating for weeks undetected in the Seattle area.

In 2021, Vernon Jordan, who rose from humble beginnings in the segregated South to become a champion of civil rights before reinventing himself as a Washington insider, died at 85.

In 2022, in his first State of the Union address, President Joe Biden aimed to rally the American public to bear the costs of supporting Ukraine's fight to stave off the massive Russian invasion.

Today's birthdays: Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 80. Former Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 80. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 80. Actor Dirk Benedict is 79. Actor-director Ron Howard is 70. Country singer Janis Oliver (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 70. Actor Catherine Bach is 69. Actor Tim Daly is 68. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 67. Rock musician Bill Leen is 62. Actor Bryan Batt is 61. Actor Maurice Benard is 61. Actor Russell Wong is 61. Actor Chris Eigeman is 59. Actor George Eads is 57. Actor Javier Bardem is 55. Actor Jack Davenport is 51. Rock musician Ryan Peake (Nickelback) is 51. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 50. Singer Tate Stevens is 49. Actor Jensen Ackles is 46. TV host Donovan Patton is 46. Actor Joe Tippett is 42. Actor Lupita Nyong'o is 41. Pop singer Kesha (formerly Ke$ha) is 37. R&B singer Sammie is 37. Pop singer Justin Bieber is 30.

BEETLE BAILEY


I'LL HAVE ANOTHER, BARTENDER!
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YOU'RE COMING HOME!
MY BAR-ENDER
GREG + MORT WALKER

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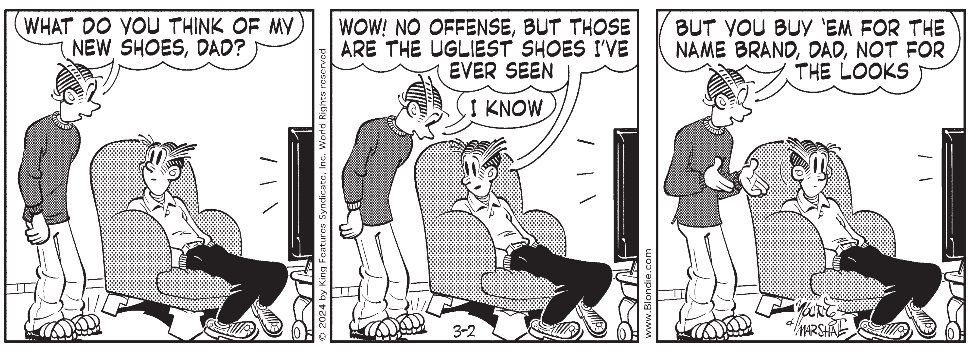
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY NEW SHOES, DAD?
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WOW! NO OFFENSE, BUT THOSE ARE THE UGLIEST SHOES I'VE EVER SEEN
I KNOW
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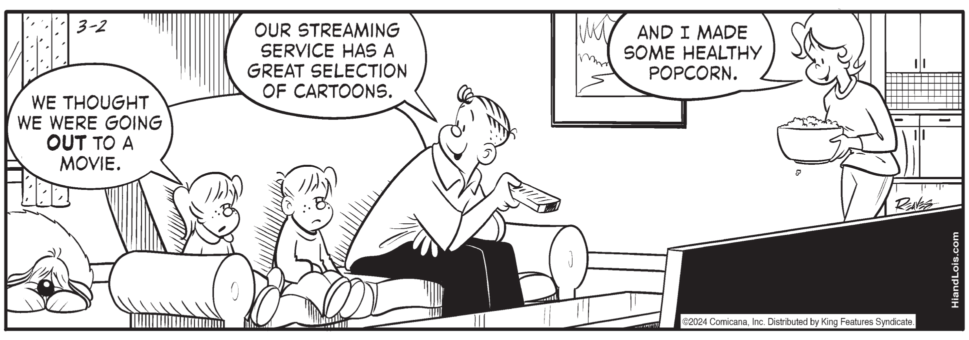
BUT YOU BUY 'EM FOR THE NAME BRAND, DAD, NOT FOR THE LOOKS
YOUNG & MARSHALL

HI & LOIS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WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING OUT TO A MOVIE.
OUR STREAMING SERVICE HAS A GREAT SELECTION OF CARTOONS.
AND I MADE SOME HEALTHY POPCORN.
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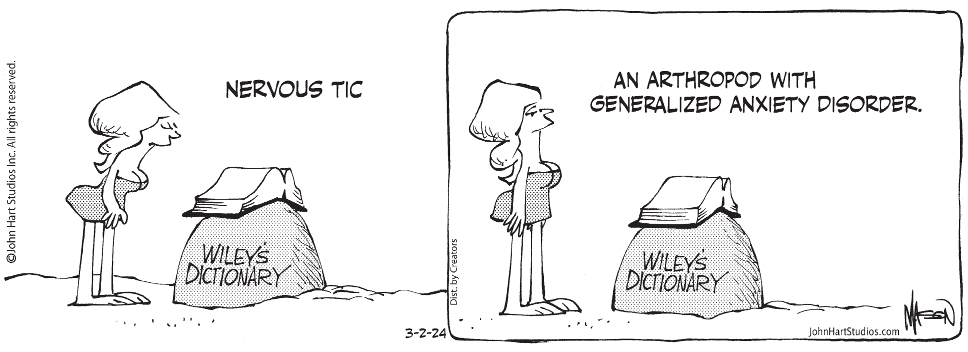
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AN ARTHROPOD WITH GENERALIZED ANXIETY DISORDER.
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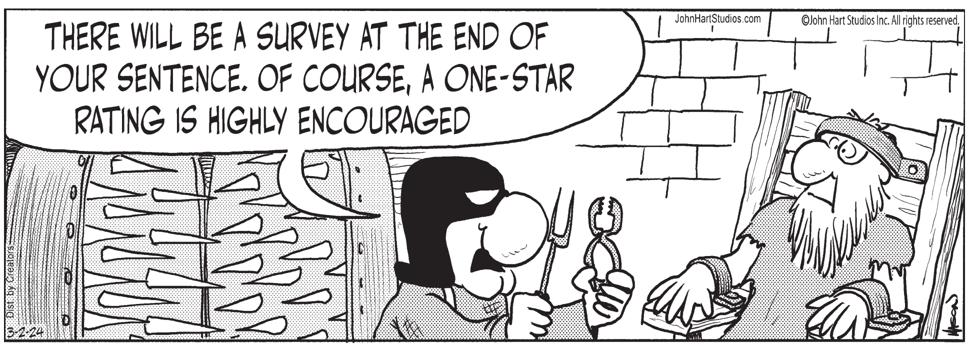
THERE WILL BE A SURVEY AT THE END OF YOUR SENTENCE. OF COURSE, A ONE-STAR RATING IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED
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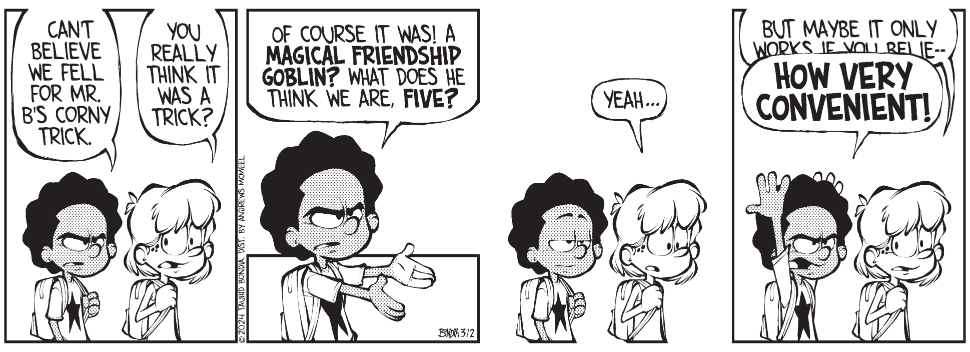
CAN'T BELIEVE WE FELL FOR MR. B'S CORNY TRICK.
YOU REALLY THINK IT WAS A TRICK?
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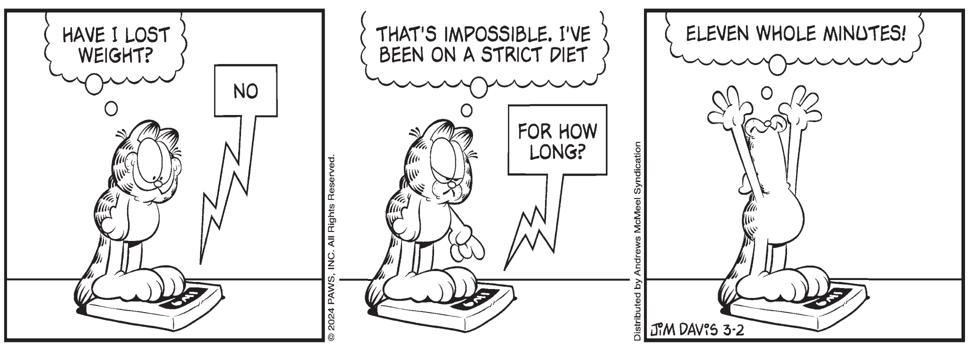
OF COURSE IT WAS! A MAGICAL FRIENDSHIP GOBLIN? WHAT DOES HE THINK WE ARE, FIVE?
BONDIA 3/2
YEAH...
BUT MAYBE IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU BELIE--
HOW VERY CONVENIENT!

GARFIELD


HAVE I LOST WEIGHT?
NO
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THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. I'VE BEEN ON A STRICT DIET
FOR HOW LONG?
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ELEVEN WHOLE MINUTES!
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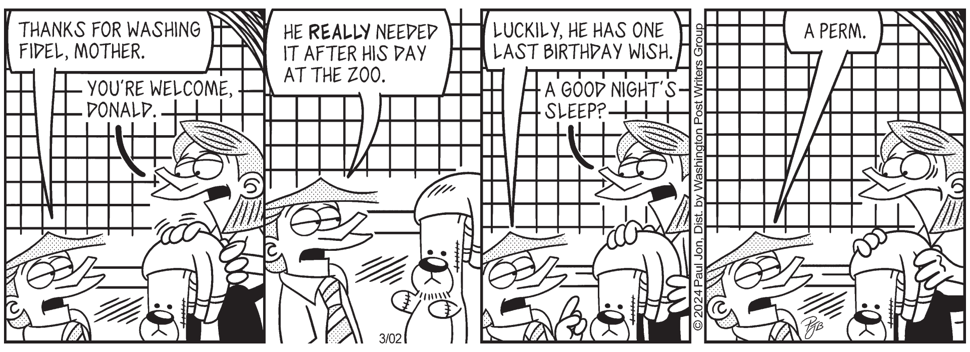
THANKS FOR WASHING FIDEL, MOTHER.
YOU'RE WELCOME, DONALD.
HE REALLY NEEDED IT AFTER HIS DAY AT THE ZOO.
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LUCKILY, HE HAS ONE LAST BIRTHDAY WISH.
A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP?
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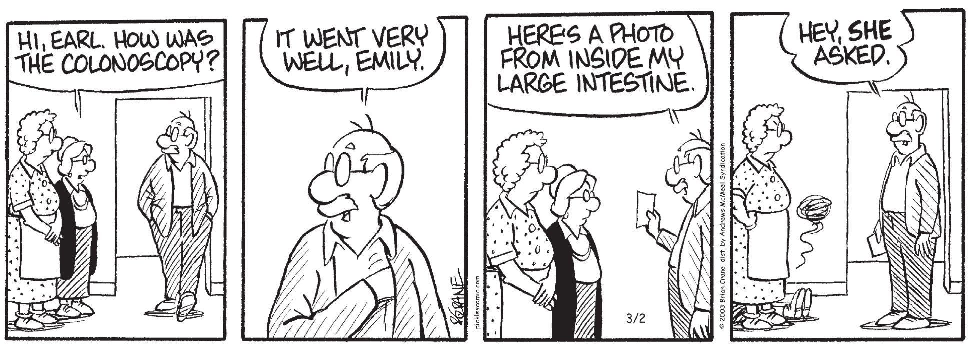
HI, EARL. HOW WAS THE COLONOSCOPY?
IT WENT VERY WELL, EMILY.
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HERE'S A PHOTO FROM INSIDE MY LARGE INTESTINE.
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HEY, SHE ASKED.

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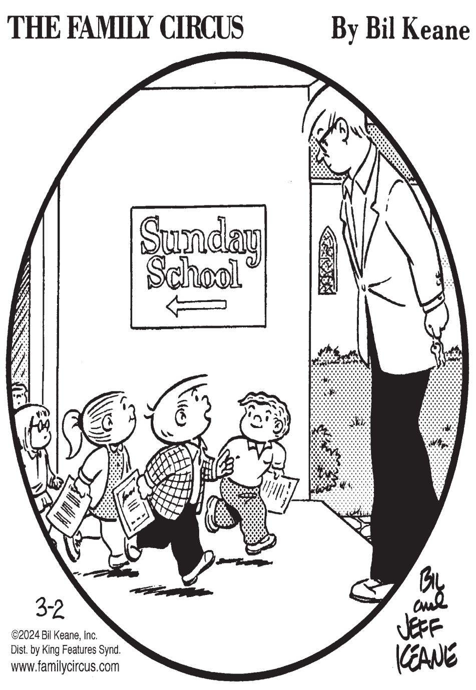
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Sunday School
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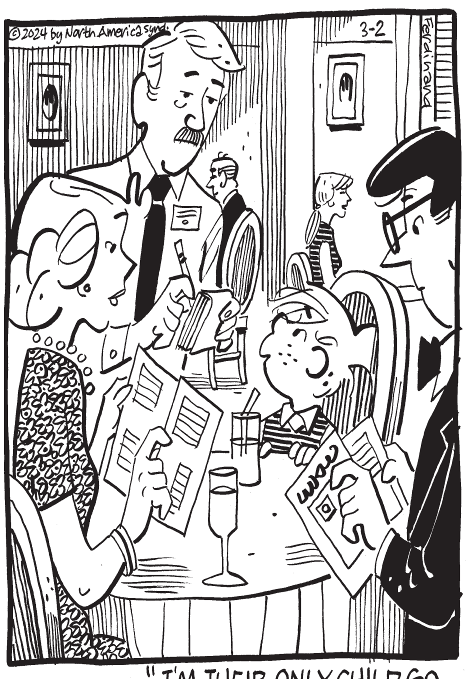
"Today we learned about the Top Ten Commandments."

DENNIS THE MENACE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"I'M THEIR ONLY CHILD, SO I'LL HAVE THE SPECIAL."

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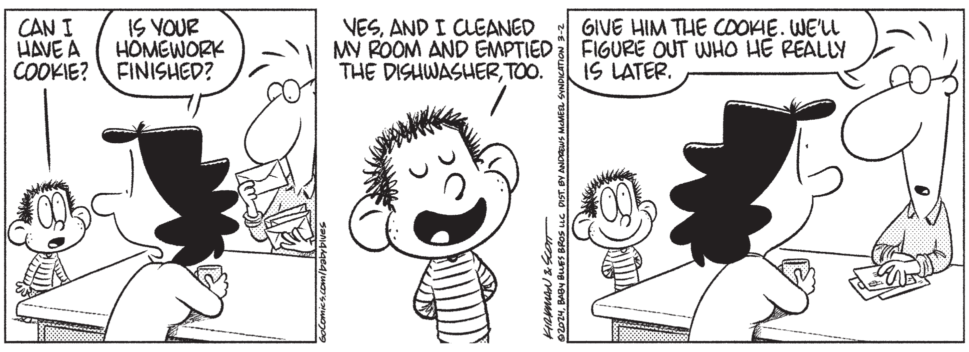
CAN I HAVE A COOKIE?
IS YOUR HOMEWORK FINISHED?
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YES, AND I CLEANED MY ROOM AND EMPTIED THE DISHWASHER, TOO.
KIRKMAN & SCOTT
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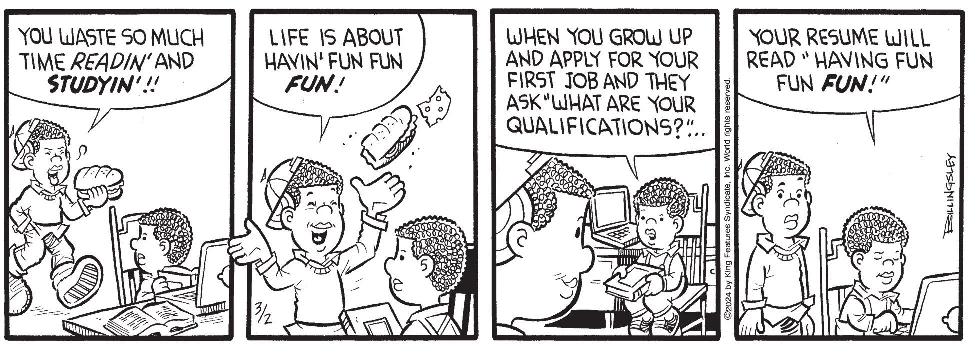
GIVE HIM THE COOKIE. WE'LL FIGURE OUT WHO HE REALLY IS LATER.

CURTIS


YOU WASTE SO MUCH TIME READIN' AND STUDYIN'!!
LIFE IS ABOUT HAVIN' FUN FUN FUN!
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WHEN YOU GROW UP AND APPLY FOR YOUR FIRST JOB AND THEY ASK "WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS?"...
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YOUR RESUME WILL READ "HAVING FUN FUN FUN!"
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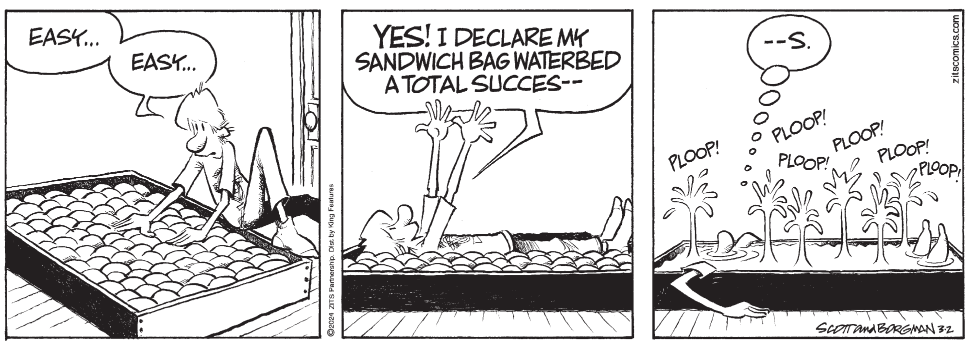
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EASY...
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YES! I DECLARE MY SANDWICH BAG WATERBED A TOTAL SUCCES--
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PLOOP!
PLOOP!
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks, an NBA record that still stands. Philadelphia won the game, 169-147.

On this date:

In 1861, the state of Texas, having seceded from the Union, was admitted to the Confederacy.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1917, actor, producer, director and bandleader Desi Arnaz was born in Santiago de Cuba.

In 1932, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, which moved the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to Jan. 20, was passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.

In 1939, John Ford's classic Western "Stagecoach," starring Claire Trevor and John Wayne, opened in New York.

In 1943, the three-day Battle of the Bismarck Sea began in the southwest Pacific during World War II; U.S. and Australian warplanes were able to inflict heavy damage on an Imperial Japanese convoy.

In 1955, nine months before Rosa Parks' famous act of defiance, Claudette Colvin, a Black high school student in Montgomery, Alabama, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white passenger.

In 1985, the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood supply.

In 1989, representatives from the 12 European Community nations agreed to ban all production of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), the synthetic compounds blamed for destroying the Earth's ozone layer, by the end of the 20th century.

In 1990, more than 6,000 drivers went on strike against Greyhound Lines Inc. (The company, later declaring an impasse in negotiations, fired the strikers.)

In 1995, the Internet search engine website Yahoo! was incorporated by founders Jerry Yang and David Filo.

In 2011, the Supreme Court ruled, 8-1, that a grieving father's pain over mocking protests at his Marine son's funeral had to yield to First Amendment protections for free speech in a decision favoring the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas.

In 2012, Some 40 people were killed by tornadoes that struck Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

In 2018, at a funeral before an invitation-only crowd of approximately 2,000 in Charlotte, North Carolina, the children of the Rev. Billy Graham remembered "America's Pastor" as a man devoted to spreading the Gospel, and one who lived his life at home as he preached it in stadiums.

In 2021, Bunny Wailer, the last surviving founding member of the legendary reggae group The Wailers, died in his native Jamaica at age 73.

In 2022, Autherine Lucy Foster, the first Black student to enroll at the University of Alabama, died at age 92.

Today's birthdays: Actor John Cullum is 94. Actor Barbara Luna is 85. Author John Irving is 82. Actor Cassie Yates is 73. Actor, comedian Laraine Newman (Saturday Night Live) is 72. Former Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., is 71. Former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is 69. Singer Jay Osmond is 69. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 68. Former tennis player Kevin Curren is 66. Country singer Larry Stewart (Restless Heart) is 65. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 62. Blues singer-musician Alvin Youngblood Hart is 61. Actor Daniel Craig is 56. Actor Richard Ruccolo is 52. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 47. Actor Heather McComb is 47. Actor Rebel Wilson is 44. Actor Bryce Dallas Howard is 43. Former NFL quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is 42. Actor Robert Iler is 39. Actor Nathalie Emmanuel is 35. Country singer Luke Combs is 34. Singer-rapper-actor Becky G is 27.

DEATH NOTICES

Melvin Ray "Mel" Adams, 88, of Hanover, IN, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan-Nay Funeral Centers in Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Cara Luttrell-Jimenez, 59, of Carrollton, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, at Carroll County Memorial Hospital in Carrollton. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Graham-Dunn Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.grahamdunnfh.com.

Marlene Jeanette Faulkner-Martin, 59, of Patriot, IN, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, at her residence. Cremation was chosen with the cremains interred at Floral Hills Cemetery in Taylor Mill, KY. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Dorothy Covington Sexton, 86, of Wentzville, MO, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison IN. Arrangements by Morgan-Nay Funeral Home in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

YMCA

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The News and Tribune, which serves Clark and Floyd counties, reports that a new natatorium will be built at Jeffersonville High School that will replace a 50-year-old pool at the school that's estimated to cost $33 million and include 10 swim lanes, diving platforms, locker rooms and offices that are expected to open in 2026.

Jay Roney said that in the last nine months since he became director of facilities at Madison Consolidated Schools "what I've found is things are expensive."

Alcorn said the estimated annual cost for maintenance of a larger pool is $700,000.

JeffCo board member Lindsay Hunt, SuperATV president and chief executive officer, said that having a business plan to sustain the non-profit is essential. "We have burning questions. What does it look like financially? How are we going to fund it? How are we going to pay for it? How is it going to maintain itself?"

Whether JeffCo is successful in developing a wellness facility in Jefferson County and if that's a YMCA still must be determined, but Merritt Alcorn, JeffCo's consulting attorney, thinks that acceptance by the YMCA would be beneficial. "This is a step by step process," he said. "If we actually end up in partnership with YMCA, a lot of services and skills will be brought to the table, and some of that will be fund-raising and funding. To some extent, we need to get through that step before we can really fully answer the questions about funding."

George Alcorn said if the facility was YMCA affiliated there would be resources to help. "If we join, all of sudden we've got a CEO to help us" for the guidance to know how to do that. "All of a sudden we have got 11 different things that they can help."

Hunt said that being inclusive is a theme JeffCo has emphasized, and that includes partnering with other non-profits for all to support one another and make each stronger. "There are opportunities for us to work together, and there are opportunities to partner. The goal is be net positive for both," she said.

George Alcorn said inclusivity also means making the YMCA available for everyone regardless of ability to pay. "That's one of our starting missions," which involves finding ways to create funding to pay for those who are unable to pay.

Hunt said another key component in establishing the facility is that "we need to next understand what programs does Jefferson County and the surrounding area really want" and to determine the cost for starting those programs then sustaining them.

She said so far they have considered hilltop locations for the facility on about a 6- to 12-acre site with potential for outdoor programming in sports and play components depending on community demand and funding.

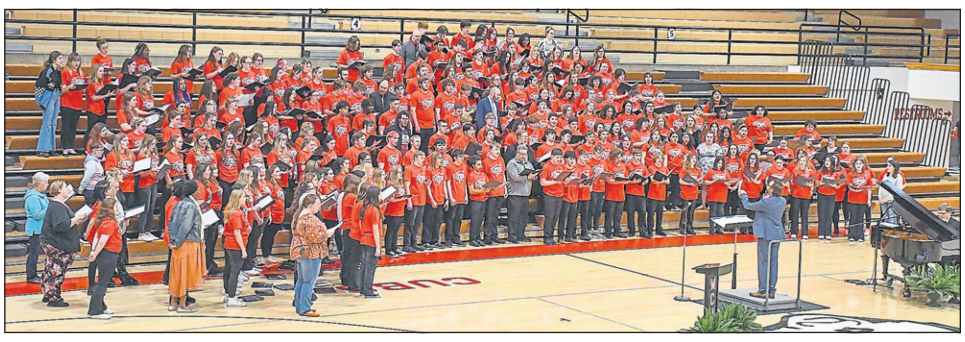
JeffCo board member Carolyn Alcorn mentioned the potential for including childcare. "We'll have to see how the space comes out, but that's high on our list to have a place where when family members go to swim, work out, whatever they go do," that they need a safe place for the child.

Beyond that, "we hope to have more childcare and even put in preschool," she said. "These have been blue sky visions here. Nothing has been decided on this. I am telling you what's on my heart."

Dora Anim, president and CEO of Bethany Legacy Foundation, suggested partnering with Madison Consolidated Schools on childcare since the school corporation recently received a $$750,000 Employer-Sponsored Child Care Grant from the State of Indiana. "That's also going to be a massive project," and with childcare being on JeffCo's wish list, "it would be smart to work alongside, combining efforts."

86th Choral Festival

Above: Chris Albanese, associate professor of Choral Conducting at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, was the guest conductor for this year's Ohio Valley Choral Festival held at Madison Consolidated High School on Tuesday. Albanese also conducts the Singing Hoosiers.



Photos by Bob Demaree

The 86th Ohio Valley Choral Festival was held Tuesday at Madison Consolidated High School's Connor K. Salm Gymnasium with seven area high school choirs performing individually and then together as a group. Choral festival alumni also joined students (pictured) for the traditional "Battle Hymn of the Republic" finale.

Left: Members of the Madison Consolidated High School choir perform during the Ohio Valley Choral Festival on Tuesday. The choir, directed by Teresa Grayson, sang "Louder Than Words" by Jonathan Larson.

WEEKEND

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Charlie Rohlfing

Although often mistaken for each other, here's proving once and for all that Madison Main Street Program Director Austin Sims (left) and her new assistant, Lindsay Holley (right), are not the same person. The two women are the driving force behind Main Street's popular annual Girls Weekend on March 1.

the rest coming from Indy, Fort Wayne, Cincy, Louisville, you name it.

"The local merchants up and down Main Street have really embraced it. They get on board not only decorating their stores but with in-store discounts, giveaways, promotions and special experiences, reserved just for Girls Weekend ticket holders."

Tickets for the 3-day event are available at MadTixEvents.com. Tickets start at just $10 for the Wild West Dance Party at Red Bicycle Hall. There's a $25 ticket that includes a T-shirt and all the shopping discounts and promotions. And a $50 VIP ticket that includes everything, including a Sunday brunch.

The driving force behind the event is Sims and her new assistant, Lindsay Holley. Sims is a Southwestern High School product who went to Hanover College. "I wanted to get the heck out of here after school," says Austin, like many kids do. "But I met my husband, Brad, in college and he got a job here. I found myself getting more and more involved in the local community and I realized, a young person really can build a great life here, if you invest yourself and become part of things. I'm glad I stayed, this place really is special."

Lindsay Holley is also a Hanover grad, who found herself with a job offer from WKM News, once the video division of The Madison Courier. "I jumped at the chance to live in Madison," says Lindsay. "I'm from northern Indiana, but I had such good experiences here during my Hanover days. Things are really falling into place for me now, I have this new job working with Austin at Main Street, and my fiance and I bought a house on West Third Street. This is a great town for young people, you just have to be persistent and find a way to make it work. I love it here!"

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

BIG big weekend of music in Madison to usher in the month of March. The Songwriters in the Round show Friday night at Red Bicycle Hall is a great choice if you enjoy heartfelt, original, songwriting and performance. Tickets are available at the door or at MadTixEvents.com. Saturday night is shaping up to be the perfect Indiana's Music City party night. Temps in the 60s and no chance of rain, you can literally walk between four great music venues, including some amazing Celtic music at Thomas Family Winery. You can even pop over to 1st Street Saloon for some Karaoke if the spirit moves you. Gather up some friends and discover the magical musical experience that is Madison, every weekend of the year. Oh, and if you find yourself in town on Thursday night, I highly recommend catching Taylor Eversole at the Drake. The dude has a great voice and a fun sense of song choices.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

THIS WEEK IN MUSIC

Wednesday, Feb. 21

The Central — Jam w/ Jimmy

Rivertown Grill — Michael Trapp

Thursday, Feb. 29

The Drake — Taylor Eversole

1st Street Saloon — Open Mic w/Dewey & Friends

Friday, March 1

Red Bicycle Hall — Songwriters in the Round

1st Street Saloon — Canyon Wolf

The Central — Crossfire

The Drake — Jimmy Davis

Riverboat Inn — Rich Hardesty

Saturday, March 2

The Central — Killin' Smalls

Off Broadway Taproom — Joe & Deano

Thomas Family Winery — Highland Reign

1st Street Saloon — L&L Karaoke

Rivertown Grill — Matt Red Moore

Fairgrounds — For the Love of Bluegrass (& Gospel & Country) 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

Rivertown Grill — Jimmy Davis

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Commissioners award road paving contract

Dave O'Mara Contractors of North Vernon chosen

BY BOB DEMAREE

With Jefferson County receiving a $1 million Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) for paving county roads, bids were opened last week with the contract awarded at Commissioners meeting last week to the lowest bidder Dave O'Mara Contractors.

Dave O'Mara Contractors, North Vernon, bid $1,110,627.81, about $28,000 less than the next lowest bidder, All-Star Paving, Seymour, at $1,138,938.05. County Highway Superintendent Bobby Phillips said the engineer's estimate was $1,639,223.40.

Other bids came from Flynn Brothers Contracting Inc., Louisville, $1,254,654.33; Mac Construction, New Albany, $1,289,700; Temple and Temple Excavating and Paving, Salem, $1,355,142.25; Libs Paving, Floyds Knobs, $1,510,232.70; and Rowe Asphalt Paving, Danville, $1,783,325.72.

The $1 million CCMG grant is being funded 75% with state funds and 25% with county funds.

Roads to be paved include: JA Berry Lane, Dawson Smith Road, Henry Road, Halls Ridge Road, 1000W and 450W.

Phillips said the start date for the work will be determined after the contract is signed but he anticipates that it will tentatively be after May 1. He said there are provisions in the contract that work must be completed by Oct. 1.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- County Treasurer Meghan Hoskins received approval from the Commissioners for utilizing text alerts to share county tax information through the county's RAVE platform that sends out emergency alerts, county road closings and county trash information. Hoskins said it can be utilized as a reminder about taxes and also be used to provide county tax information. She said it would cost more than $6,000 for a one-time mailing of post cards to county taxpayers, but that through RAVE it can be tested for a year for $2,000. Hoskins said if the system is determined to be successful then it would discussed to prorate the cost into the county's current plan with RAVE for its other uses.

Hoskins said funds aren't directly allocated in the County Treasurer 2024 budget to pay the $2,000 for the RAVE tax alerts but she thinks it can be paid through transferring money from existing funds within the treasurer's office.

- Approved an annual memorandum of understanding between the county and Pettit and Associates, Hanover, on section corners for the year as part of the state statute in surveying to maintain accurate land boundaries. County Surveyor Mike Pittman said there is $25,000 in the budget for the work.
- Brandon Tucker, the county's interim 911 director, updated about a nationwide cellular outage Feb. 22 that mainly affected AT&T phones but also some Verizon mobile customers. Tucker said the 911 center was unaffected. "It was only a carrier issue," he said, noting the dispatch continued to monitor systems to ensure they were working properly. He said the carrier issue seemed to be resolved by 1 p.m. that day.
- County Health Department Administrator Lindsey Wyne updated that the position of part-time food safety inspector has been filled. The position was created to help in meeting requirements for the county opting in for Indiana's Health First funding.

Wyne said dental kits have been given to the health department through a grant from the non-profit Give Kids A Smile program to provide kits to every second grader in Jefferson County. Dr. Gayle Spaulding, a dentist who now serves on the health department board, has agreed to work with the schools for demonstrations in dental hygiene in second grade classrooms.

- County Commissioner Ron Lee updated about the annual Southeastern Indiana Recycling District meeting. He said tire disposal has begun to be a problem, creating a need for a tire shredder that can range in cost from $150,000 to $500,000 to shred tires with a steel belt.

Lee said it's beneficial to Jefferson County residents to have a recycle and reuse location located inside the Jefferson Proving Ground that provides a place to take items such as electronic devices, refrigerators and tires "instead of throwing them on the side of the road."

- Reappointed Victoria Perry to the Jefferson County Board of Tourism for a one-year term to expire Dec. 31.
- Agreed to allow First Financial Bank to introduce its First Worklife Program to county employees.

Haider performs 1st successful corneal transplant at CCMH

BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Handout

The Carroll County Corneal Transplant team, pictured inside one of Carroll County Memorial Hospital's operating rooms, is (from left): Front row — Destiny Maines, RN; Sarah Barringer, CST; and Sarah Supplee, LPN; Back row — Justin Smith, CRNA; Toya Neal, RN; Michell Jackson, ST; Jami Beach, LPN; Stephanie Courtney Roland, RN; Mandy Crace, CST; and Dr. Ali Haider.

CARROLLTON, Ky. — December 26, 2023 was an historic day at Carroll County Memorial Hospital when Dr. Ali Haider and his team performed the first ever corneal transplant at the hospital.

The patient was a young woman from Kentucky whose sight was damaged after her cornea became infected and developed a hole. Prior to the surgery, she had become completely blind and could only see light.

"We had to emergently plan a cornea transplant," Haider said recently of the surgery. "I had to find a cornea and do the surgery within two days. Carroll County Hospital had already acquired all the equipment needed for cornea transplants and they were open, so I brought the patient here."

"We believe that our community deserves nothing but the best when it comes to their healthcare options and have invested in state-of-the-art technologies and a highly-skilled team," said Kimberly Haverly, CEO of the hospital.

The surgery took about an hour and a half to complete using a donor cornea provided by the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA). Haider had to inject and lock the eyeball connected to the patient's brain then move the recipient into the operating room which was prepared for the surgery.

To trim the donor cornea to the size of the host's cornea, Haider used a trephine, a surgical instrument with a cylindrical blade. The host cornea was also cut and removed with scissors.

"Then we fill the eye up with a gel and remove any scarred tissue and adhesions in the front of the eye," Haider explained. "Then we take the donor cornea — which has already been sized and cut — and put it on the host eye and suture it using about 16 sutures which are thinner than your hair."

Haider said within a day after the transplant the patient was already starting to see better. She and her family were extremely relieved and thankful by the success. Although it will take about six months to a year for the patient to recover, she has been saved from being permanently blinded.

Haider noted the cornea, located in the front part of the eye, is the part of the eye that can be transplanted. "We can take it from dead people or from donors and transplant it into people who have diseases in the front of the eye," he said.

Haider said a cornea transplant is the most common transplant in the world. There is no blood flow in the cornea and patients don't need to be put under anesthesia for the procedure. There are various techniques for the transplant depending on the disease present.

He said the cornea can be damaged from diseases or trauma that can cause it to be clouded, scared or torn. Patients can partially lose sight or become completely blind, but an organ donor cornea can surgically replace the patient's cornea and restore their eyesight.

As an ophthalmologist, Haider is both a physician and surgeon who treats eye diseases ranging from trauma, blindness, injury, infections, and more. "It's a specialty," he said. "We specialize in the eye and the visual system."

Haider is owner of Haider Eye Care with offices in Louisville, Madison, Indiana, and Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He trained at the University of Louisville and the University of Rochester in New York and has specialized in corneal surgery since beginning his practice in 2010.

Haider has worked with Carroll County Memorial Hospital since September 2023 after the hospital contacted him to be part of the staff since a majority of his patients are from rural areas like Carroll County.

"The decision to expand ophthalmology services at our facility aligns with our dedication to providing comprehensive and advanced medical care, close to home," Haverly said.

Haverly said she was "thrilled" to have Haider operating at CCMH and providing eyesight-restoring care to those needing cornea transplants.

"They were very progressive," Haider said of the hospital. "They really wanted this community to grow and the health care in this community to grow." He said the hospital has been very accommodating with providing any tools or equipment that he needs for patients.

Haider said in Kentucky and Southern Indiana there are less than a handful of cornea specialists and added "there's a tremendous need in this region for visual health."

"Dr. Haider shares our commitment to excellence and community well-being and has elevated the quality of services offered at CCMH," said Haverly. "Together, we are changing lives."

Cindy Warrick

Bedford Fire Chief Will McCoy and Milton Fire Major Justin McQueary provided information and fielded questions by county residents on proposed fire taxation districts at two town hall meetings at the Trimble County Public Library on Monday. They noted that less than 18% of the county's property owners currently pay fire subscriptions, leaving the volunteer departments underfunded and residents vulnerable to thousands of dollars in firefighting charges. A third town hall has now been scheduled for March 9 in Milton.

Fire officials field questions on Trimble taxation proposal

BY CINDY WARRICK
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Officials from Trimble County's two fire departments and county officials provided information and fielded questions from about 70 residents at two town hall meetings at the Trimble County Library on Monday in Bedford, concerning a proposal to establish fire taxation districts in the county.

Bedford and Milton volunteer fire departments both currently operate on a subscriber-based system for funding but low participation leaves the departments underfunded and property owners who opt to not pay dues vulnerable to big out-of-pocket charges should they have a fire.

Bedford Fire Chief Will McCoy and Milton Fire Major Justin McQueary fielded questions from predominantly county residents, who currently need a fire subscription to have fire service at no extra cost to them. They said while homeowners' insurance covers property loss from a fire, it typically only covers $500 of the cost for fighting a fire when the actually bill could be thousands.

McCoy also stated that only 12-18% of the county's property owners pay fire subscriptions totaling no more than about $20,000 to support the fire services and leaving the majority of property owners vulnerable to paying most fire response charges for their property.

McCoy and McQueary showed how fire taxation would be calculated and collected and how the funds would be used by sharing some of the costs associated with the departments such as turn out gear, fuel, insurance, training, and other on-going department expenses.

They also listed the required training requirements of the volunteer firefighters and noted that requirements are scheduled to become much more stringent under new upcoming OSHA requirements.

It was also announced at the two town halls at the library in Bedford that an additional informational meeting has been scheduled in Milton on Saturday, March 9 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Milton Fire House Station No. 1.

Trimble County Magistrate Melissa Gibson-Cornish, host of the town halls, said residents are "encouraged to attend the additional information meeting, since interest is so important."

Southwestern board approves 4% increase for classified staff

BY BOB DEMAREE

A 4% wage scale increase for Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation's classified staff was approved at Monday's school board meeting over reservations by board member Jonathon Simpson.

Simpson voted in favor of the increase, reluctantly, after arguing that he felt the wage scale should be handled differently because some classified staff members — the school employees who are not certified teachers or administrators — receive more days off.

Corporation Treasurer Laura Boldery said all classified staff were given the same increase because even though there have been board discussions about making changes in the classified employee handbook, no decision on wage scale parameters has been made by the board.

"You can't take some people who are in the classified handbook and give them an increase, and not give other people that are in the classified handbook an increase because they've never been taken out of the classified handbook because that decision was never made because it was tabled so many times, and we've never acted on it," Superintendent Jeffrey Bates said. "So, they have to stay in there until it's voted by the board to take them out."

Bates said such a move has been proposed but tabled in the past with one reason being that there hasn't been a full five-member board at a meeting when it's being considered.

"At some point, we have a quorum, and that quorum needs to make a decision. If two aren't here to give their input, it's on the agenda, they knew it was on agenda," Bates said. There were three board members at Monday's meeting — Rick Stockdale, Lacie Deputy and Simpson with John Jones and Misty Jones absent.

The classified wage scale increase is effective Feb. 1, and due to be reevaluated by July 1.

In other business, the board:

- Heard a presentation from Talon Wynn and Kaden Higgins, students in Matt Longville's Civil Engineering class, concerning plans for students to construct an outside shelter to provide teachers a comfortable place to stand or sit while supervising the parking lot in the morning. The budget for the project is $2,650 which will come from the school corporation's operations fund.
- Jason Watson, assistant superintendent and transportation director, reported on plans to develop a new Operations and Procedures Manual for transporting students. The current School Bus Driver Handbook was last updated in the 2021-2022 school year. The process to create the manual update includes drivers, substitutes, monitors, mechanics, two school board representatives and others to develop a draft and then submit that to the school board for consideration. The target date for completion is July.
- Approved a change in graduation requirements due to Indiana Code requiring that all high school students beginning with the class of 2028 complete a course in Personal Financial Responsibility. Because of that the Planning for College and Careers class, which had been a graduation requirement at Southwestern, will now become an elective.
- Approved a memorandum of understanding with Jefferson County Courts, Jefferson County Court Services, the city of Madison and Madison Consolidated Schools for the Jefferson County Alternative to Suspension Program (JCASP) that serves as an alternative to out-of-school suspension to provide a classroom setting with a certified teacher.
- Accepted the retirement of Jennifer Schoch as high school English teacher effective at the end of the current school year. Schoch, who began teaching at Southwestern in 1984, is now in her 40th year there.
- Boldery updated that Southwestern's ADM (average daily membership) has decreased since the count in September when it was 1,222. With the count in February, she said the school corporation's ADM is now 1,199, which is a loss of 23 students and means Southwestern will lose $167,041 in state funding previously allocated to Southwestern. She said the ADM per student that is received amounts to $7,262.66. "We have to do something to work that enrollment if we can," she said.

Heart of Inspiration

Bob Demaree

Whitney Roberts, CASA of Jefferson County executive director (left) and artist Jane Vonderheide paint on "Janie's Heart," one of five artworks being created by Madison Junior High School students for CASA's "When Your Heart is Broken, Make Art with the Pieces" annual charity auction on Thursday, April 25. Vonderheide created the heart more than 15 years ago but it wasn't really "discovered" until Madison Area Arts Alliance Executive Director Kim Nyberg saw the painting and deemed it the perfect inspiration for the Kindness Mural in the Mulberry Street Mural Plaza in downtown Madison.

PARK

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and pleaded guilty in Jefferson Superior Court on Aug. 1, 2022, under an agreement that sentenced him to 60 days jail with 56 days suspended to 180 days supervised probation plus $485.50 in fees and court costs.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is receiving collaborative support from several agencies in this investigation. Alongside the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the City of Madison Police Department, and the Indiana State Police, assistance is being provided by the Jefferson County Coroner's Office, Jefferson County 911/Central Dispatch, Jennings County 911/Central Dispatch, Norton King's Daughters' Hospital EMS, and the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office.

Tour of Homes concerned by possible shift of Christmas parade to night

BY BOB DEMAREE

With the City of Madison considering moving its annual Christmas parade from a daytime event to one at night, concerns were expressed at Monday's Visit Madison Inc. meeting about how a nighttime parade might impact the annual Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes.

The tour, annually held the last weekend in November and first weekend in December, has in the past reported a $1 million economic impact on Jefferson County. The parade has for many years been a mid-day event on the first Saturday in December.

Tour organizer are considering the logistical challenges from scheduling the well-attended parade at night during the same hours as the popular Tour, which traditionally has begun at 5 p.m. on Fridays and 3 p.m. on Saturdays during its two weekend run. If the parade is changed to a Saturday night event the proposed 5:30 p.m. start would potentially create obstacles for Tour patrons getting to and from homes especially if a Main Street home is featured along the parade route.

Board member Kim Kennard, owner of Mad Love restaurant on West Main Street, said that a Christmas parade at night would shut down Main Street, impacting all the businesses which is what occurs during the Madison Regatta parade that's held in the evening. However, when the Christmas parade starts at 11 a.m., she said, "People come in droves right after the parade" and that provides more business for her restaurant. She also noted the Nights Before Christmas tour is "one of the busiest weekends" for the restaurant. "It brings in people going out for dinner" while people are touring the homes.

BOARD

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while electrical for the general parking area will cost $52,616. Fencing and gates will cost $30,000, security cameras $37,627 and $15,000 has been set aside for culvert work and sidewalks in an area between the high school and elementary that is washing out and needs repair.

Sedam Contracting will construct the bus parking lot while Schiller Hardware will provide the security cameras. Bids were received from North Electric for the electric hookups and Blevins Fencing for the fencing and gates. However, the board asked for another bid on each with hopes of getting lower costs on both.

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2A SECTIONAL

Southwestern outlasts upset-minded Clarksville to advance

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Nobody else may have given Clarksville much of chance, but one person who knew how dangerous the Generals could be was Southwestern head coach Zac Nussbaum and he was right.

Class 2A No. 7 Southwestern never overlooked the 10-13 General but needed a late burst over the final two minutes to finally knock off Clarksville and open the Class 2A Sectional Tournament with a 56-47 win on Wednesday.

The Rebels spent the first three quarters trying to shake Clarksville and much of the fourth quarter trying come from behind. It was the type of performance that many didn't expect from a 10-win team but Nussbaum knew that his team was going to be in for a battle despite rolling over the Generals by 20 points during the regular season.

"This was not the Clarksville team that we played earlier in the year. Coach (Levi) Carmichael has done just a tremendous job with this team. Just watching them on film you could see that they were just so much more disciplined and they understood their role so well," Nussbaum said. "They gave us a heck of a scare tonight. In the tournament, it's all about surviving and advancing and we did enough to get by tonight and now we gotta get ready for the next."

Southwestern (21-3) had a few brief moments where they seemed poised for a potential knockout punch in the first half, getting the lead to seven points twice before Clarksville cut the margin to 26-23 at halftime.

David Campbell

Southwestern's Brady Cook (5), William Stockdale (15), Caleb Goode (24), Isaac Watson (23) and Landon Higgins (10) celebrate after a late basket in the Rebels' 56-47 win over Clarksville on Wednesday in the Class 2A Sectional at Southwestern.

That first half was enough to embolden the Generals, who took the game right to Southwestern in the second half, trading the lead five times in the third quarter before pushing ahead 41-36 on a Ashton Leezer 3-pointer with 1:20 left and taking a 41-40 advantage into the fourth.

Southwestern got the lead back early in the fourth on two Jamison Lewis free throws and a Brady Cook basket but Clarksville went back on top thanks to a Jawan Walker layup and a Jacob Seward bucket.

Clarksville was still leading with two minutes to play when Southwestern launched a quick blitz that changed the game and led directly to the win.

Landon Kidwell opened the sequence with a basket. After Clarksville missed a quick 3-pointer, Adam Traylor grabbed the rebound and passed ahead to Kidwell who was still on the Generals' side of the floor. He quickly put the ball in for a three-point lead.

Southwestern's Peyton Cloud then grabbed a steal on the inbound's pass and quickly put the ball in the basket for the back breaker. In a span of 46 seconds, the Rebels went from one-point down to five up with just 1:10 to go.

"(Cloud) gets couple of those a season where he just sneaks in. I think he learned that from Austin Kramer," Nussbaum said with a smile. "We switched to our 1-3-1 and that is when the game turned around for us. We started getting more stops and we were able to kind of corral their penetrators."

Clarksville never recovered from the sequence and managed only one free throw over the final two minutes of the game. Southwestern, meanwhile, went 5-of-6 from the line to ice the win.

Both teams shot 51% from the floor but the difference was at the line where Southwestern was 13-of-15 while Clarksville was just 4-of-11. The Generals also had 15 turnovers and Rebels outscored the Generals 17-7 on turnovers.

Sophomore Brady Cook led the way for the Rebels with 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting to go with five rebounds. Jamison Lewis had 11 points and Kidwell 10.

"He's only gonna get better and better. He's started for two years and people don't realize he's still just a sophomore," Nussbaum said of Cook. "I'm super proud of him tonight because he missed his first two shots and there was a worry that he was going to get hesitant but we told him 'You can do it. You got this' and he came right back. I'm just so proud of that."

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A SECTIONAL

Trinity dominates 3rd quarter to knock out Shawe

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

NEW WASHINGTON — Shawe did everything it could to hang with Trinity Lutheran over the first 16 minutes of Tuesday's boys basketball sectional opener, but a crucial stretch to open the third quarter proved to the Hilltoppers' undoing in a 66-52 loss at the Class 1A Sectional Tournament at New Washington.

Despite foul trouble by second-leading scorer Braiden Smith, Shawe trailed just 28-25 at halftime and seemed to have the Cougars right in their sights. But Trinity opened the third with three-straight baskets to quickly build a double-digit lead and was never threatened again.

While it was a disappointing end of the season, Shawe coach Dan Hambrick was not disappointed in his team's play.

"I think they played our game plan to a 'T'. When you're down three points at halftime, you're right where you need to be," Hambrick said. "That first few minutes of the third quarter, when they hit those key two or three or even four 3-pointers they hit, it was just like the entire momentum switched in the game."

Shawe (9-15) relied on senior Philip Kahn to stay in the game and the school's career scoring leader did what he could. He scored 21 of the Hilltoppers' 25 points in the first half by continually taking the ball right at Trinity defenders and drawing fouls, while also hitting an array of difficult shots in the paint.

But Kahn couldn't save Shawe in the second half, especially once Trinity began finding its range. Hudson Lang opened the third quarter with a bucket for the Cougars and Reed Mellencamp hit the first of five 3-pointers that Trinity would make in the quarter to blow open the game.

By the time the horn sounded on the third, Trinity was holding a 53-34 lead and Shawe's hopes of advancement had all but disappeared.

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David Campbell

Shawe's Braiden Smith (25) goes hard to the basket between Trinity defenders Reed Mellencamp (2) and Charlie Hackman (24) during the Class A Sectional opener at New Washington on Tuesday.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

McNally-Henriksen sets school-record 10 goals in women's lacrosse win over Waynesburg on Monday

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Masi McNally-Henriksen scored a school-record 10 goals to lead Hanover to a 20-3 win over Waynesburg (Penn.) in women's lacrosse Monday on the road.

McNally-Henriksen, a senior from Zionsville, scored her first goal with 5:42 left in the first quarter to put Hanover ahead 2-1 and a second goal late in that frame. She then got five goals in the second, two in the third and one more in the fourth for her final total to break her own school record of eight goals set last year.

Katie Comer added three goals and two assists for the Panthers while Abby Mensing and Hannah Wagner had two goals and an assist each. Emma Williams posted five saves in goal and Marissa Bardo had two.

Masi McNally-Henriksen

McNally-Henriksen had four more goals on Wednesday in the Panthers' 12-10 loss at Muskingum. Comer also had four goals for Hanover while Bardo and Williams each had five saves in goal.

Hanover, now 2-3 on the season, travels to DePauw on Saturday and hosts Trine the following Saturday, March 9.

BASEBALL WINS 2

Hanover baseball picked up two wins in the Cal Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

On Tuesday, Hanover picked up a 7-1 win over Eastern University. Chris Hautman allowed just one hit over six scoreless innings with nine strikeouts and three walks to pick up the win. Jake Danneman was 4-for-5 with two triples, an RBI and a run scored, Robert Carroll was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs and Connor Farnsley had two hits and drove in a run.

Hanover rapped out 15 hits in a 13-12 win over Methodist on Wednesday. Carroll had three hits for the Panthers, T.J. Laplante had two hits, two RBIs and two runs scored, Danneman was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, Alex Christie was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Reid Douglas hit a home run.

Wyatt Prather allowed three runs in three and a third innings of relief and earned the win. Jaden Siemer pitched a scoreless final inning and two-thirds for the save.

Hanover, now 3-2 on the season, played Keystone on Thursday and wrap up the Cal Ripken Experience against Bridgewater on Friday. The Panthers then travel to Jackson, Mississippi on Friday, March 8 to face Belhaven (Miss.) for a pair of games.

CALENDAR

Friday, March 1

BASEBALL

Hanover vs. Bridgewater at Myrtle Beach, S.C., 9 a.m.

BASKETBALL

Madison boys vs. Silver Creek, IHSAA Class 3A Sectional Tournament at Scottsburg, 6 p.m.
Trimble Co./Gallatin Co. girls vs. Owen Co., KHSAA 31st District Championship at Carroll Co., 6 p.m.
Southwestern boys vs. Brownstown, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Tournament at Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys vs. North Decatur/Milan, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

Hanover men host Centenary, 1 p.m.

TENNIS

Hanover men and women at Wittenberg, 10 a.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Hanover, Final Qualifier at Ada, Ohio, 11 a.m.

Saturday, March 2

BASKETBALL

Madison/Silver Creek boys vs. Scottsburg/Charlestown/Corydon, IHSAA Class 3A Sectional Championship at Scottsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern/Brownstown boys vs. Providence/Austin, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Championship at Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co./North Decatur/Milan boys vs. South Ripley/Hauser, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Championship at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Hanover men and women vs. Rose-Hulman at Nashville, Tenn., 10 a.m.

LACROSSE

Hanover women at DePauw, 1 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Hanover vs. Hope/Coe at Decatur, Ill., 9:30 a.m./4:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Hanover men and women at DePauw, 11 a.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Madison girls, HSR Qualifier at University of Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
Hanover, Final Qualifier at Ada, Ohio, 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 3

GOLF

Hanover men and women vs. Rose-Hulman at Nashville, Tenn., 10 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Hanover vs. Wisconsin-Eau Claire/Milikin at Decatur, Ill., 10 a.m./12:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Hanover men and women at Manchester, 11 a.m.

Monday, March 4

No local events

Tuesday, March 5

No local events

Indiana outlast Wisconsin 74-70

BLOOMINGTON — Kel'el Ware finished with 27 points and 11 rebounds to help Indiana hold off Wisconsin 74-70 on Tuesday night in a game that was delayed for 25 minutes in the second half because of a fire alarm.

The delay came when an alarm started blaring 25 seconds after John Blackwell had back-to-back layups to pull the Badgers even at 54 with 10:31 remaining. Both teams left the floor and Assembly Hall was evacuated as alarms continued to sound intermittently. Fans began filing back in about 20 minutes later and play resumed after a five-minute warmup. Later it was announced the alarm went off in the balcony, and the university and arena followed state law by evacuating the premises.

Tyler Wahl was the first to score after play resumed, giving Wisconsin its first lead at the 9:29 mark. The Badgers stayed in front until Mackenzie Mgbako buried a 3-pointer and Anthony Walker followed with a layup, giving Indiana a 65-63 lead. Ware had a three-point play following a basket by AJ Storr, but Storr answered with a 3-pointer and Wahl scored in the paint to give Wisconsin a 70-68 lead with 2:06 left to play.

Trey Galloway scored to pull Indiana even, Malik Reneau's layup gave it the lead and Mgbako hit two free throws with 25 seconds remaining for a two-possession lead. Wisconsin missed its final six shots.

Ware made 11 of 12 shots from the floor, including his only 3-point attempt, and all four of his free throws for the Hoosiers (15-13, 7-10 Big Ten Conference), who snapped a four-game losing streak and won for the third time in 11 games. Ware also blocked five shots. Reneau and Mgbako both scored 14.

Chucky Hepburn had 15 points, seven rebounds and six assists to pace the Badgers (18-10, 10-7), who have a 5-6 record since beating Indiana 91-79 at home earlier this season when they were ranked 11th.

Wisconsin returns home to play No. 13 Illinois on Saturday. Indiana travels to Maryland on Sunday (**TV:** Live on CBS at 2 p.m.).

MEET GRACE BEYERS

Caitlin Clark may never catch small-school scoring phenom

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

AP Photo/ Jeff Le

University Health Sciences and Pharmacy guard Grace Beyer warms up before an NAIA college basketball game against Cottey College on Thursday in St. Louis.

On the same night Caitlin Clark was adding to her NCAA women's basketball scoring record before a packed house in Indiana, and a national audience on television, the Iowa sensation was losing ground to the most prolific active scorer in her sport.

In a gymnasium smaller than those of many high schools, where hundreds of fans scattered across sets of retractable bleachers, Grace Beyer was pouring in 40 points for the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in a close loss to Cottey College.

That pushed the career total for the fifth-year senior to 3,842 points, 249 ahead of Clark, who had scored 24 in the Hawkeyes' loss to the Hoosiers last Thursday night. Beyer added another 32 points on Saturday in a win over Hannibal-LaGrange, breaking Miriam Walker-Samuels' record for an NAIA school and moving her into fifth place in college basketball history.

Men or women, NCAA or NAIA, regardless of division.

"What she's doing," said Beyer's coach, Jillian Lipman-Segura, "is just remarkable. She makes everything look so easy."

The contrast is stark in the way Clark and Beyer have been chasing history in the twilight of their careers.

Ever since helping the Hawkeyes reach the national championship game last season, and famously feuding with LSU standout Angel Reese, Clark has become perhaps the most bankable star in the history of the women's college game.

Fans have lined up for hours all season, often in freezing cold, to watch her make those 30-foot 3-pointers. Tickets went for more than a $1,000 on the secondary market as Clark approached Kelsey Plum's NCAA women's scoring record. And in the era of Name, Image and Likeness legislation that has allowed Clark to monetize her fame, she has popped up in advertisements for everything from State Farm Insurance to Hy-Vee, a supermarket chain headquartered not far from her childhood home in Des Moines.

As she passed Plum and set her sights on Lynette Woodard's major college record of 3,649 points, set before the days of NCAA women's hoops, Clark's games have become appointment viewing when they are televised on FS1 or streamed on Peacock.

"It's amazing," Beyer said with a smile, "to be mentioned in the same breath as her."

Perhaps that is because her own story is playing out on such a wildly different stage.

Just like Clark, Beyer grew up with a basketball in her hands, putting up thousands of shots at the local YMCA before and after school. She learned about toughness from playing older brothers Brian and Daniel in the driveway of their Wisconsin home, and how to be a leader while taking Mukwonago High School to the state championship game as a freshman.

And just like Clark, the Division I coaches came calling. They saw in her all the same traits that Iowa coach Lisa Bluder saw in her future phenom, right down to the desire it takes to play basketball at the college level.

Yet that is where Clark and Beyer abruptly diverged.

Beyer's grandfather had lived with her family as she grew up, but as he grew older, he began having trouble managing his medications. Beyer stepped in to help, learning everything she could about the drugs and how they interacted. That piqued in her a desire to study pharmacy, a burdensome academic pathway that typically requires a four-year undergraduate degree in something such as biology or chemistry before at least two more years spent earning a doctorate.

Many coaches had been recruiting Beyer since the seventh grade, including several from Division I schools, yet they blanched when she told them about her academic goals. They thought there was no way Beyer could juggle that course load and still focus on basketball, so the phone calls and text messages and interest slowly dried up.

"I had a lot of conversations with my parents," Beyer said, "and they urged me to prepare for the 40 years of my life rather than the four years of college. It's kind of a big concept to grasp when you're in high school, but I just knew that I wanted to be happy and have a career in something I'm going to enjoy. And basketball? I'll enjoy that wherever I play."

That ended up being a small college in St. Louis whose nickname — Eutectics — is the process of two solids forming a liquid, and whose mascot, Mortarmer McPestle, wears a shock of yellow hair and a white lab coat.

Odd, yet fitting, for a school that in 2020 renamed itself the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy.

"Our program is academically rigorous," Eutectics athletic director Jill Harter said, "and it really takes a special type of athlete to be successful here, because you have to be able to achieve in the classroom in order to be able to excel competitively, too.

"Grace," Harter added, "checks both of those boxes."

There are no chartered planes at the NAIA level, just mind-numbing bus rides that often last six or more hours. There are no tutors for the women's basketball program, only the academic assistance afforded to any student. And while the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy facilities are pristine, they are nowhere near what a Division I college can offer.

"But honestly," Harter said, "if your passion is healthcare and you want to play a sport, why would you go anywhere else?"

That was the pitch that sold Beyer on a school whose team had gone 19-116 in the five seasons before her arrival.

With her leading the way, the Eutectics won at least 20 games each of the past two years. The few dozen fans that used to show up at games turned into a few hundred, and people actually began calling the school to ask when Beyer would play next.

As the wins mounted, so did her scoring total, often in chunks of 40 or more points at a time.

Beyer had a career-high 59 last year in a game against Columbia, and earlier this season, the 5-foot-8 guard scored 51 of the Eutectics' points in a 69-62 win over William Woods. In all, Beyer has been averaging more than 34 points over her final season of college basketball, while also leading her team in rebounds, steals and assists.

"There's sometimes we'll beat a team but they'll be like, 'Oh, Grace didn't score 30, so it's a win,' " she said, "but it's not a win. You lost. So it's kind of funny how some people's mindsets are different, not even caring about the outcome of the game."

At her current pace, Beyer needs six postseason games to chase down the women's all-college scoring record, set by Pearl Moore with 4,061 points — 3,884 for AIAW-member Francis Marion from 1975-79 and 177 points while at Anderson Junior College.

The Eutectics open the American Midwest Conference Tournament against Missouri Baptist on Friday night.

Meanwhile, Beyer continues to watch Clark chase her own milestones from afar. The reigning AP player of the year has 3,617 points after her triple-double in Iowa's win over Illinois on Sunday, and Clark needs 33 points heading into Wednesday's game at Minnesota to break Woodard's major college scoring record.

In rare moments, Beyer catches herself wondering what it would have been like to play under those bright lights herself. Could she have competed at that level, or had that much success? Would she have been as happy doing it?

"I definitely don't have any regrets coming here," she said, "but everyone has those what-if thoughts, you know? What it would have been like if I went to a bigger school. But those are all what-ifs. I'm never going to know how my career would have ended up at a different school. I can only know for sure what I have accomplished here, and what I've accomplished here is not something that anyone can take away from me. I can't have any regrets when I know what I've left behind."

Duke's Scheyer wants ACC to prevent court-storming

BY AARON BEARD
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Duke coach Jon Scheyer wants the Atlantic Coast Conference to implement measures to prevent court-storming after star big man Kyle Filipowski was hobbled following a collision with a fan during a weekend loss at Wake Forest.

Scheyer said Monday that Filipowski was "a little bit sore" following the incident, which left him sporting a bag of ice on his knee after banging his right leg into the leg of a fan running by him toward midcourt.

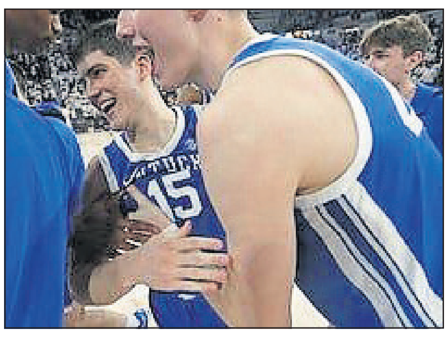
"Absolutely we shouldn't wait until next year, something should be done right now," Scheyer said during the weekly league coaches teleconference, adding: "At the end of the day, players and coaches and officials are the only people that belong on a court."

Scheyer — who initially misspoke Saturday when he said Filipowski hurt his ankle — said Monday that the preseason Associated Press All-American didn't require any type of diagnostic internal imaging for his knee to search for a structural injury. Filipowski didn't have a significant limp when he spoke to a few reporters after the game, though his status wasn't immediately clear for the 10th-ranked Blue Devils' game Wednesday against an eight-win Louisville team.

Scheyer followed his postgame call to ban court-storming with a plea for the ACC to put such a policy in place now, even with Duke down to four regular-season games and only one on the road (at North Carolina State on March 4).

The ACC requires member schools to have detailed safety procedures in place for managing court-stormings. But it historically has not levied fines, something four of the six major basketball conferences do for a first offense — such as the Southeastern Conference issuing a $100,000 penalty on LSU after its fans stormed the court following last week's win over a ranked Kentucky team.

The ACC has no plans to issue a fine to Wake Forest, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Monday.



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Kentucky guard Reed Sheppard celebrates his game-winning shot against Mississippi State on Tuesday night in Starkville, Miss.

Sheppard leads Wildcats to victory

BY AARON GERSHON
THE CATS' PAUSE

STARKVILLE, Miss. — It didn't come easy, but John Calipari and Kentucky continued their dominance over Mississippi State to earn a 91-89 comeback victory inside Humphrey Coliseum.

Star freshman Reed Sheppard hit a game-winning floater with 0.5 seconds remaining to break the hearts of the home crowd — but also send all of BBN into a frenzy.

"Growing up, as a little kid always wanting to play Kentucky, being out there and being able to hit the game-winning shot for Kentucky was really cool," Sheppard, the son of two UK basketball legends, said. "It was really special for me.

"To be able to deal with this group of guys, that we're all really, really close with on and off the court was really special."

With the win, Kentucky is now 19-1 against Mississippi State in the Calipari era and remains undefeated in Starkville under the 15th-year head coach. It also completed a season sweep of the Bulldogs as Tuesday's win joined a 90-77 win over the Bulldogs in Lexington.

The win came just six days after Kentucky lost in the same buzzer-beating fashion at LSU.

"It felt amazing. Right after the game, I was like, 'finally, things went our way for once," Adou Thiero said. "Last week, we lost on the same thing. But it was good for it to be on our side this time. It was just the right time."

"We lost a couple just like this ... and now you win one, and it evens out over the season," Calipari added. "You remember Aaron [Harrison] his three .. Do you remember all the games we lost and Brandon Knight ... he missed five game-winners, and then he made three or four or five game-winners. Just stick with these guys. You got good players. Good guys."

Tuesday's win came without starting forward Tre Mitchell, who missed a fourth straight game with a shoulder injury and came despite the Bulldogs scoring 38 points in the paint.

Kentucky fell behind 14-3 with 14:35 remaining in the first half as 6-foot-11 forward Tolu Smith bullied his way to six early points to put the Wildcats in an early hole.

By the half's under-eight timeout, Kentucky cut the Bulldog lead down to five at 25-20 behind a pair of Sheppard threes. However, Mississippi State responded to close the half on an 18-15 run to take a 43-35 lead into halftime behind three, three-pointers, including two from one-time Kentucky commit DJ Jeffries.

A four-point play from Josh Hubbard nine seconds into the second half extended Mississippi State's lead to 47-35 and less than two minutes later, Calipari was forced to call timeout as the Bulldogs opened the first half on a 9-4 run to go up 52-39 with 18:10 to play.

The Cats would cut the Bulldog lead to 52-45 by the first media timeout of the second half and with 7:28 left, pulled within one at 64-63 after Sheppard drained his fourth three of the night.

With 4:28 remaining, Kentucky pulled ahead for the first time all night as Rob Dillingham canned his first three of the night to put UK up 72-71.

Kentucky would rally to lead by as many as eight, but the Bulldogs rallied to cut Kentucky's lead to one at 87-86 with 20 seconds remaining after a costly Sheppard turnover.

With 16.7 seconds left, Mississippi State fouled Sheppard, who made both ensuing free throws to push Kentucky's lead to three, but Hubbard would drain a three to tie the game.

Kentucky improved to 20-8 overall with the win and are now 10-5 in SEC play. The Wildcats will be back in action Saturday to host Arkansas (14-13, 5-9) at Rupp Arena (**TV:** Live on CBS Sports at 1:30 p.m).

Carroll tops Trimble in tournament opener

BY ABBY HOOVEN
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County made 12 threes en route to a 78-55 win over Trimble County in the 31st District Tournament boys basketball quarterfinals on Monday, Feb. 26.

The victory marked the first district tourney win for the host Panthers since 2012.

"I thought our team came out and played with a purpose. They were not going to leave without a win," said Carroll County head coach Roger Harden. "I thought they were fantastic on both sides of the ball. Everybody that played contributed great."

Carroll County quickly found success from 3-point range in the opening minutes of the game. Landon Groves and Braden Stephenson swished a 3-pointer apiece before Stephenson connected on a jumper to put the Panthers ahead 8-3 early.

Trimble's Ethan Horn also knocked down a three and a jumper to cut the margin to three but the Panthers picked up their defensive intensity and capitalized on consecutive steals to move in front by seven.

Both teams attacked the basket well as the first quarter progressed. Trimble County cut the lead to five with a layup from Hayden Webster before Seth Franklin and Cameron Butcher hit shots down low to push the advantage to eight.

Groves then closed out the quarter with two free throws to put Carroll County in front 20-13.

The Panthers' offensive attack continued in the paint to start the second quarter. Trimble had chances to cut into the lead on tough drives but were unable to connect on the shot attempts.

Carroll took advantage and drained a wing three and a layup with contact to move in front 29-17.

Midway through the period, Trimble County alternated shots in the paint with threes from the Panthers, including a triple from Groves to extend the lead to 36-24.

Carroll County's momentum grew late in the first half as the Panthers scored five straight to go back in front by 12 before Brayden Wilson drained a three for the Raiders in the final minute to cut the deficit to 41-32 at halftime.

Abby Hooven

Carroll County's Landon Groves launches a 3-pointer over Trimble County's Ethan Horn during the Panthers' 78-55 31st District tournament win over the Raiders. Groves hit six three en route to a game-high 25 points. Horn scored a team-high 22 points for the Raiders and wrapped up his senior season at Trimble County as the boys career scoring leader with 1,691 points.

Carroll County heated up from deep in the third quarter to create even more separation. Groves made four 3-pointers in the third quarter alone, starting with a corner three in the first minute of action. He then followed a hook shot from Briar Rucker with another three to push the lead to 13 with 6:24 on the clock.

After a free throw from Franklin, Groves dropped in his third triple of the period to force a Raider timeout. Horn briefly stopped the Panthers' momentum with a three but Aden Stephenson returned the favor with a corner 3-pointer and two free throws.

Wilson trimmed the margin to 17 with a layup, but Groves struck once more from 3-point range as the Panthers led by 20.

A layup and three from Trimble County slashed the Panther advantage to 15 but Carroll made two 3-pointers late in the quarter, including one at the buzzer from Franklin, to lead 67-48 going into the final period.

The Raiders started the fourth quarter with greater pressure defensively and limited Carroll's efficiency in the paint as Horn swatted a Panther layup before Wilson knocked down one of his own with 5:38 remaining.

Braden Stephenson dropped in back-to-back shots from the block to boost the Carroll's lead to 23 before leaving the game with an apparent ankle injury with three minutes left in the contest.

Carroll County regrouped and closed out the win with a free throw from Groves to secure a spot in the district semifinals against top seeded Gallatin County on Wednesday evening.

After the game, Harden was unsure of Stephenson's status for the semifinals.

"Obviously, we're hoping that Braden can be available, but we've struggled with Gallatin. But it's on our home floor. It's tournament time and upsets happen," said Harden. "We've got to come in believing, first of all, mentally that we can win the ball game, and we're going to have to have the type of performance that we had tonight on both sides of the ball, defensively and offensively."

Groves led the Panthers with 25 points and Braden Stephenson added 18 points. Franklin and Aden Stephenson also hit double figures with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Horn scored a team-high 22 points for the Raiders to wrap up his career at Trimble County with a boys school record of 1,691 points — second overall only to Marcia (Haney) Dunaway's 2,035 points.

The Raiders conclude the season with a 7-24 overall record and lose Horn, Wilson, Coltin Humphreys, Charlie Liter, and Marcos Rodriguez to graduation.

In the end the Panthers (12-17) lost to Gallatin 57-46 to close out their season. Gallatin (20-11) was awaiting the winner of the Henry County vs. Owen County semifinal in the championship.

COURIER SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Shawe's Philip Kahn was named Ohio River Valley Conference Mental Attitude Award winner in boys basketball, Southwestern's Zac Nussbaum was named Coach of the Year and seven local players earned all-ORVC honors in voting by league coaches.

Kahn was also named to the All-ORVC team and was joined by four members of Southwestern's ORVC championship squad: Peyton Cloud, Brady Cook, Landon Kidwell and Jamison Lewis. Switzerland County's Cam Craig and Kadyn Riley were also voted to the team.

The rest of the all-ORVC team is: Jac-Cen-Del — Brady Comer, Clark Dwenger; Milan — Micah Norman and Gabe Riehle; Rising Sun — Brody Morris; and South Ripley — Cole Henry and Blaine Ward.

In addition, Kahn was named the ORVC's player of the week for the past week.

• Switzerland County's eighth grade girls basketball team defeated Rising Sun 32-7 on Monday.

Madison Spilman had 13 points and four blocks for the Pacers and Alayna Smith had nine points and four blocks.

Switzerland faces Rising Sun again on Saturday in the ORVC Tournament at Rising Sun.

• Applications for the 2024 Hanover Parks Department baseball and softball leagues are now being accepted.

Leagues for kids ages three through 12 are available. The cost is $30 with a second child for $25 and a third child for $20. Deadline is March 27 and all applications received by that date are guaranteed a roster spot.

• The Madison Cubs Baseball Clinic will be held March 9-10 at Gary O'Neal Field.

The clinic is open to kids in grades first through eighth. First and second graders will run from 1-2:30 p.m., third through fifth from 2:30-4 p.m. and sixth through eighth from 4-5:30 p.m.

Cost is $25 and all campers will receive a T-shirt.

Carroll comeback foiled by Henry

BY ABBY HOOVEN
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Carroll County erased a 10-point deficit and pulled within one with 2:20 to play, only to come up just short against Henry County, 41-38, in the girls 31st District Tournament quarterfinals on Monday, Feb. 26.

Kaitlyn Hensley nailed a layup off a steal to trim the lead to 39-38 before Micah MaGruder hit a layup with 40 seconds left to give the Lady Cats a three-point edge.

The Panthers had a chance to tie the game in the final four seconds, but a 3-point attempt fell short at the buzzer.

Earlier in the game, the Lady Cats found success attacking the basket and took a 7-4 lead. Ella Royalty had five of Henry's first seven points on shots in the paint and a free throw after absorbing contact on another attempt down low. Kylie Hornback also completed a tough drive in the opening 1:30 of action as the Cats moved in front by three.

Carroll County was unable to connect on a few decent looks at the start before finding a groove to end the quarter when Elle Spencer and Cloie McGuire each dropped in a basket to trim the lead to one before Morgan McElfresh sank a shot on the right block on an assist by Royalty to give Henry an 11-8 lead going into the second quarter.

Royalty remained active in the post and completed a 3-point play on a tough putback with 6:21 left in the first half but the Panthers ramped up their full-court pressure to force several Henry turnovers and finally gather some the momentum. Hensley buried a three after a Carroll steal to tie the game 14-14 before adding a layup to even the score again at 16-16.

The Panthers pulled ahead by two on a pair of free throws by Kelby Maiden, but Royalty responded with an open shot down low on an inbounds play to knot the score 18-18 with 4:09 left.

Carroll County broke that tie with a 5-0 run to take its largest lead of the game as Maiden and Hensley contributed a basket apiece before Mallory Noble ended the run with a free throw. Henry County recovered and MaGruder scored two layups over the final 1:20 of the half to cut the Panther lead to 24-22 at halftime.

The Cats struck early in the second half to open the third quarter with an 11-0 run as Kennedy Brown scored the first five points, including a 3-point play that gave Henry a one-point lead.

Hornback sank a layup and Royalty scored four points on the right block to push the margin to 33-24 as Henry County's defense backed up the offensive to stymie the Panthers during the run.

Madie Hicks stopped the surge with a 3-pointer before the Lady Cats tallied four points in a row to push back on top by 10. Hensley capped off the quarter with a layup to cut Henry's lead to single digits, 37-29, heading into the final period.

Abby Hooven

Carroll County's Cloie McGuire releases a jump shot in the first quarter of Carroll County's 41-38 loss to Henry County in the 31st District Tournament quarterfinals on Monday.

Carroll returned to its effective full-court press in the fourth quarter to force a couple of Lady Cat turnovers in the early minutes. The Panthers took advantage to cut the lead to four before Brown dropped in a layup off a dime by MaGruder to extend the margin back out to six.

Carroll County's Spencer then knocked down a corner three to pull the Panthers to within three, and Hensley converted a steal into a layup to trim the lead to one, 39-38, with 2:20 to play.

Henry County stayed the course as MaGruder scored on a layup with 40 seconds left to boost the margin to three. The Lady Cats regained possession in the final 15 seconds only to be whistled for a five-second violation on the inbounds to give Carroll the ball with 10.4 seconds to play.

The Panthers' final shot at sending the game into overtime came at the buzzer with Maiden's 3-point attempt not finding the mark.

Hensley led Carroll County (10-21) with 13 points while Hicks added nine points as the Panthers closed out their season.

Henry County (11-18) moves on to play top-seeded Owen County (13-14) in Wednesday's first semifinal while Trimble County (15-13) and Gallatin County were to battle it out in the second semifinal on Thursday night with the championship game Friday night in Carrollton.

Understanding and Choosing Life Insurance

The Essence of Life Insurance

Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
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Life insurance, often misunderstood, is essentially a safety net for life's unforeseen events. It's a contract where you pay regular premiums to an insurance company, and in return, they provide financial support to your family if you pass away. This pact ensures your family's financial stability in your absence, cushioning them against the economic impact of loss.

The Spectrum of Life Insurance Policies
Life insurance comes in various forms, each designed for different life stages and needs:
Term Life Insurance: This type provides coverage for a specific period, like 10, 20, or 30 years. It's ideal for those seeking affordable, straightforward coverage without a lifelong commitment.
Whole Life Insurance: Offering lifetime coverage, this type provides lifelong protection against the unexpected while its cash value grows steadily over time. Perfect for those seeking stability and financial security alongside guaranteed death benefits.

The Significance of Life Insurance
The role of life insurance extends beyond mere financial transactions; it's a pillar of your family's future security:
Ensuring Family Well-being: It guarantees that your family can maintain their standard of living, even in your absence.
Debt Settlement: It can be structured to cover debts, including mortgages, ensuring your family isn't burdened by financial liabilities.
Funding Education: It provides a means to secure your children's educational future.
Providing Peace of Mind: Knowing that your family is financially protected brings a sense of security and tranquility.

Tailoring Your Policy to Fit Your Life
Choosing a life insurance policy is a personal journey. It should reflect your financial status, family needs, and long-term objectives.
Age, health, lifestyle, and financial commitments significantly influence this decision. Seeking advice from a financial advisor may provide clarity and direction in selecting the most suitable policy.

Dispelling Common Misconceptions
Several myths surround life insurance, often leading to hesitation and misconceptions:
Myth 1: "Life insurance is for the elderly." Truth: Starting young can lead to more affordable premiums and better coverage options.
Myth 2: "It's too costly." Truth: Term life insurance, in particular, can be surprisingly economical, fitting into various budgets.
Myth 3: "Being single means I don't need it." Truth: Life insurance can cover personal debts and support dependents or charities, making it relevant regardless of marital status.

The Application Journey
Applying for life insurance involves health and lifestyle evaluations. Honesty and accuracy in this process are crucial. These details help tailor a policy that truly reflects your needs and provides adequate coverage.

Ongoing Policy Review
Life insurance isn't a set-and-forget affair. Regular reviews and adjustments are necessary to keep it in line with life changes such as marriage, parenthood, career advancements, or new financial obligations. This ensures that your coverage remains relevant and practical.

Life insurance is more than a financial product; it's a testament to your foresight and care for your loved ones. It's about crafting a legacy of stability and assurance, ensuring that your family can confidently face the future. By embracing life insurance, you are proactively safeguarding your family's dreams and aspirations, making it a cornerstone of responsible financial planning.

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Bengals place franchise tag on WR Tee Higgins

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals placed the franchise tag on receiver Tee Higgins, which likely will keep him with the team at least one more season, the team said Monday.

If the Bengals can't reach a long-term agreement with the 25-year-old Higgins before July 15, he'll play the 2024 season with the Bengals for a salary of $21.8 million, which is the franchise tag amount for receivers.

Higgins, a second-round draft pick in 2020, couldn't reach a long-term deal before the final year of his rookie contract.

As the 2023 season was beginning, quarterback Joe Burrow signed a five-year contract extension worth $275 million. The Bengals are also expected to offer No. 1 receiver Ja'Marr Chase a lucrative long-term deal.

Higgins has played in 58 regular-season games for Cincinnati and has 257 receptions for 3,684 yards and 24 TDs. He had more than 1,000 receiving yards in 2021 and '22, becoming one of five players in team history to reach that mark multiple times in his first three seasons.

"Tee has done an outstanding job for us since we drafted him in 2020," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said in a statement. "I'm glad that he'll continue to be a big part of our offense and our team."

Higgins' production was down in 2023, mainly because he missed five games with injuries.

Cousins, Jones head NFL free agents list filled with star-quality players

BY ROB MAADDI
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Need a Pro Bowl quarterback, an All-Pro defensive lineman or a future Hall of Fame wide receiver?

NFL teams could find one of these guys and plenty more star-quality players when the free agency period begins on March 13. Kirk Cousins, Chris Jones and Mike Evans are among the best players who will be available on the open market unless their teams use a franchise tag by March 5. The Bengals already used it on wideout Tee Higgins.

They'll be joined by running backs Derrick Henry, Saquon Barkley and Josh Jacobs, edge rushers Josh Allen, Brian Burns and Danielle Hunter and several other talented players at various positions, including wide receiver, safety and linebacker.

Defensive line is the deepest position while offensive tackle has the fewest starting-caliber players on the list.

Here are the top 25 players set to become free agents:

1. KIRK COUSINS, QUARTERBACK, MINNESOTA VIKINGS: The four-time Pro Bowl QB was having an excellent season before he tore an Achilles tendon in October. He has said he wants to stay in Minnesota and coach Kevin O'Connell reiterated the team feels the same way.

"I believe Kirk wants to be a Viking, and we're going to work to try and make that the outcome," O'Connell said Tuesday.

2. CHRIS JONES, DEFENSIVE TACKLE, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS: The two-time All-Pro is a game-changer, as evidenced in Kansas City's win over San Francisco in the Super Bowl. It would cost the Chiefs about $32 million to use the franchise tag on Jones again this season, a decision they haven't yet made.

"That's certainly a guy we want back and love," general manager Brett Veach said. "We want to see him finish his career here in Kansas City."

3. JOSH ALLEN, EDGE RUSHER, JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS: Allen had a career-high 17 ½ sacks in his contract year. Allen is Jacksonville's best defensive player. They can't afford to let him leave but many teams will be interested.

4. CHRISTIAN WILKINS, DEFENSIVE TACKLE, MIAMI DOLPHINS: Already one of the best run defenders in the NFL, Wilkins had a career-best nine sacks to increase his value on the open market.

5. JUSTIN MADUBUIKE, DEFENSIVE TACKLE, BALTIMORE RAVENS: Madubuike had more sacks last season (13) than his first three seasons combined. His breakout season will land him a significant deal, and perhaps a franchise tag.

6. BRIAN BURNS, EDGE RUSHER, CAROLINA PANTHERS: He's been the best defensive player on a terrible team and would seem eager to get a fresh start elsewhere but the Panthers aren't going to let him get away easily.

GM Dan Morgan already said the team would likely use the $24 million franchise tag on Burns.

"We would definitely use it if we had to use it," Morgan said. "We love Brian."

7. ANTOINE WINFIELD JR., SAFETY, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS: The versatile Winfield had an All-Pro season, helping the Buccaneers win a third straight division title and advance to the second round of the playoffs. The Buccaneers are aiming to sign Winfield to a long-term deal instead of giving him the franchise tag at $17.1 million.

8. L'JARIUS SNEED, CORNERBACK, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS: A tough, physical cornerback, Sneed didn't allow a touchdown and was an instrumental part of Steve Spagnuolo's championship defense. The Chiefs could use the franchise tag, which is about $19 million for cornerbacks.

9. MIKE EVANS, WIDE RECEIVER, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS: He's the only player to start his career with 10 seasons with 1,000 yards receiving. Evans turns 31 in August but hasn't shown any signs of slowing down. The Buccaneers want to keep him but he'd be a great fit for several teams.

10. DANIELLE HUNTER, EDGE RUSHER, MINNESOTA VIKINGS: The four-time Pro Bowl pick had a career-best 16 ½ sacks, his fifth season reaching double digits in eight years.

11. JAYLON JOHNSON, CORNERBACK, CHICAGO BEARS: He's physical, consistent and has the ability to be a lockdown player.

12. MICHAEL PITTMAN, WIDE RECEIVER, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS: Pittman had a career-best 109 catches and 1,152 yards receiving. He'll be 27 in October and is a candidate for a franchise tag.

13. SAQUON BARKLEY, RUNNING BACK, NEW YORK GIANTS: The two-time Pro Bowl pick could get the franchise tag for the second straight season. If not, Barkley should get plenty of interest in free agency despite the league's overall devaluing of the running back position.

14. TYRON SMITH, LEFT TACKLE, DALLAS COWBOYS: After being limited to just 17 games over the previous three seasons, Smith started 13 and returned to his dominant form.

15. BAKER MAYFIELD, QUARTERBACK, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS: After bouncing around in 2022, Mayfield signed a one-year deal to replace Tom Brady in Tampa Bay and had the best season of his career. He wants to remain with the Buccaneers and they want to keep him.

16. DERRICK HENRY, RUNNING BACK, TENNESSEE TITANS: The 30-year-old four-time Pro Bowl pick has plenty of wear and tear but he just started 17 games, ran for 1,167 yards and scored 12 touchdowns. He's had five 1,000-yard seasons in the last six years, including 2,027 yards in 2020, and he's scored double-digit TDs six straight years. He's a perfect fit on a contender.

17. LEONARD WILLIAMS, DEFENSIVE TACKLE, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS: A tough run defender, Williams was a force rushing the passer last year. He cost Seattle two draft picks in a trade so the Seahawks will make a strong push to keep him.

18. KENDALL FULLER, CORNERBACK, WASHINGTON COMMANDERS: He's a versatile defensive back with ability to play outside, in the slot or at safety.

19. JOSH JACOBS, RUNNING BACK, LAS VEGAS RAIDERS: Struggled to follow up an All-Pro 2022 season but finished strong.

20. KYLE DUGGER, SAFETY, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS: Excels against the run but needs more consistency in pass coverage.

21. MIKE ONWENU, RIGHT TACKLE, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS: He has versatility to play guard and be a bookend tackle.

22. CALVIN RIDLEY, WIDE RECEIVER, JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS: Put up solid numbers — 76-1,016-8 — in his first season back from a suspension and would be an excellent fit on a team that already has a star No. 1 receiver.

23. STEPHON GILMORE, CORNERBACK, DALLAS COWBOYS: The 2019 NFL Defensive Player of the Year has played for four teams in the past four seasons but still is among the top guys at his position.

24. MARQUISE BROWN, WIDE RECEIVER, ARIZONA CARDINALS: Still waiting for that breakout year after his best season with Baltimore in 2021. Has game-changing deep speed that will interest many teams.

25. BRYCE HUFF, EDGE RUSHER, NEW YORK JETS: Huff goes from undrafted to a big payday after recording a career-best 10 sacks last season. He still needs to develop as a run defender to be more than a pass-rush specialist.

Jets give QB Wilson permission to seek trade going into NFL combine

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The New York Jets expected quarterback Zach Wilson to emerge as the new face of their franchise.

Three years later, he's looking for a new team.

General manager Joe Douglas said the Jets have given Wilson permission to seek a trade, perhaps marking an end to his tumultuous stint in New York.

"We have had good conversation with his agent," Douglas said Wednesday at the NFL's annual scouting combine in Indianapolis. "We've given them permission to talk to other teams about a trade. I'm going to circle back with Brian (Ayrault) at some point, maybe this weekend, just to see how those conversations go. Other than that, there's nothing to report."

Wilson's rocky three-year tenure included plenty of struggles.

He went 12-21 as a starting quarterback. He threw more interceptions (25) than touchdowns (23). He was benched multiple times — including once after responding to a post-game news conference question about whether he felt he let the defense down with "no."

Wilson is yet another player who could be traded in what may be a very active offseason among quarterbacks. Others who could be dealt include Russell Wilson and Justin Fields.

Douglas also said the Jets will not use the franchise tag on edge rusher Bryce Huff, who signed as an undrafted rookie in 2020 and had a breakout 2023 season with a career-high 10 sacks.

The franchise tag would cost the Jets $21.3 million, which could be too much for an already well-compensated defense. But Douglas still wants to work out a deal.

"Those conversations are going to pick up as we get going here," Douglas said. "This is a big week, just to have a lot of different discussions with a lot of different agents. Obviously, Bryce is an outstanding player. He definitely deserves this opportunity to see where he is on the open market."

BODY TALK

Some coaches and team executives have been asked this week about how much value they place on body language. For the Cleveland Browns, it's a serious investment.

Coach Kevin Stefanski acknowledged Wednesday his team fines players for what he dubbed as "BBL," Bad Body Language.

"We coach it. We never want to see a player on the field going like this (hands out)," he said. "There's a palms up fine. Certainly how you conduct yourself specifically at the quarterback position is important. Everything you're doing, you're saying something even when you're not saying it verbally. We certainly coach our players up on it."

Stefanski said the player with the fewest fines is running back Nick Chubb. He declined to say who had the most.

COLTS UPDATES

Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson believes he's ahead of schedule following last fall's season-ending shoulder surgery after playing just four games in his rookie season.

Indianapolis general manager Chris Ballard is trying to reel in those expectations, though.

Ballard said Wednesday that he "learned" some valuable lessons when he was dealing with Andrew Luck's bad shoulder in 2017.

"Really happy about where he's at. He started throwing, he's on a rehab program," Ballard said. "Anthony made some statements that it's important to be ahead of schedule — we're here to pull the reins to make sure we don't get too far ahead of schedule and we're staying with whatever the doctors are telling us. But he's in good shape."

Ballard also told local reporters something else that should make Richardson happy — receiver Michael Pittman Jr. will be on the Colts roster for the season opener. Pittman could become a free agent March 13 and while Ballard's preference would be re-signing Pittman he did not rule out using the franchise tag.

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Offseason QB derby could be dictated by what Bears do with the No. 1 pick, Fields

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS — Chicago Bears coach Matt Eberflus already endured one round of the Justin Fields debate. He's hoping, for everyone's sake, the second round ends soon.

The man who has stood in Fields' corner the past two seasons as others argued about whether to keep Fields or start over with a new quarterback, was answering those same, old questions about the No. 1 overall pick again Tuesday at the NFL's annual scouting combine.

"We have no big news for you today, we're going through the process," Eberflus said as the league's coaches and general managers took center stage in Indianapolis. "If Justin's coming back, we'll have a plan in place for that. If we have a new quarterback, we'll have a plan in place for that."

Chicago's decision is sure to make ripples — on its roster and perhaps around a league that places premium value on quarterbacks.

With what some consider a deep quarterback class including three who could come off the board immediately in April, the teams holding those first three picks could lead to new starters — or plenty of trade possibilities. And the Bears are right at the top, just as they were last year when they had the No. 1 pick and Fields. Eventually, they dealt the pick to Carolina for receiver D.J. Moore and four picks, including the one that put them back at No. 1 this year. Sure they could do it all over again. But after missing the playoffs in each of Fields' first three seasons and no postseason wins since the 2010 season, the organization recognizes there's a clamoring for change in the fan base.

It's not just the fans who are getting anxious, though. Fields said last week on a podcast that he wanted to stay in Chicago though he also wants the debate to end. So Tuesday, general manager Ryan Poles told Bears reporters he would move as quickly as possible.

Then the next dominoes may fall. Washington, picking at No. 2, thought Sam Howell, a fifth-round pick two years ago, might be a franchise quarterback. Instead, he's gone 5-13 as a starter, has as many TD passes as interceptions (22) and is now on a franchise with a new owner, a new general manager and a new coach looking to take the Commanders in a new direction.

New England, at No. 3, is still searching for Tom Brady's successor after using a first-round pick on Mac Jones in 2021 and a fourth-rounder on Bailey Zappe in 2022. Both have started, but neither has had great success.

"I'd say there are a lot of options on the table," Patriots general manager Elliot Wolf said.

Arizona has the No. 4 slot and there had been speculation Kyler Murray also could be available since the No. 1 overall pick and 2019 AP Offensive Rookie of the Year has produced just one winning season in five years.

But Cardinals GM Monti Ossenfort downplayed that possibility Tuesday by saying Arizona was in an ideal place since it already has its starting quarterback on the roster. "The way Kyler came back at the end of the year, (it) gave us all a lot of confidence," Ossenfort said.

"The way the offense hit its stride, running the football, throwing the football, and just getting Kyler's health back to a point where he can use his legs, use his arm, do the things we're accustomed to seeing. Knowing Kyler is where he's at, not only where he's at but he's getting better, and seeing him work and progress, it's exciting."

Who else may want a new quarterback?

Some fans in Atlanta, New York and Pittsburgh think the Falcons, Giants and Steelers need to move on from Desmond Ridder, Daniel Jones and Kenny Pickett. Jones is rehabbing from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, and none of those franchises seem ready for a big change at QB just yet.

CFP discussing 14-team model with 3 automatic bids each for Big Ten, SEC

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

College Football Playoff officials are considering a 14-team format that would guarantee three spots each for the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference, two for the Atlantic Coast Conference and Big 12 and one for the highest-ranked team from the other five leagues, two people with direct knowledge of the discussions told The Associated Press on Wednesday night.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the CFP management committee's talks were not being made public. The management committee is made up of 10 major college football conference commissioners and Notre Dame's athletic director.

Yahoo! Sports first reported the management committee was discussing the 3-3-2-2-1 AQ model.

The CFP expands from four teams to 12 this season and next, but last week executive director Bill Hancock acknowledged the group had already begun talking about another expansion, starting in the 2026 season, when a new media rights contract kicks in.

The CFP and ESPN have an agreement in principle on a new six-year contract that will pay the conferences involved about $1.3 billion per year. But the deal cannot be finalized until format and revenue distribution issues are resolved by the management committee.

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While both people stressed that nothing is finalized and other models would still be considered, the idea of giving automatic bids to each power conference is being considered.

One person said the Big Ten and SEC initiated discussions about those two conferences receiving as many as four automatic bids each.

The 12-team model that will be be used for this season has conference-specific automatic bids. The five highest ranked conference champions, regardless of the league, are guaranteed a spot in the field, along with seven at-large selections.

The CFP made the move from six highest-ranked conference champions to five last week, a decision prompted by conference realignment and the demise of the Pac-12.

The 14-team model being considered would have a field comprised of 11 automatic bids and three at-large selections.

The Big Ten will have 18 teams next season with the additions of USC, UCLA, Oregon and Washington. The SEC will be at 16, adding Texas and Oklahoma. The Big 12 will have 16 and the ACC 17 football-playing members.

Twelve of the top 15 teams from last season's final AP Top 25 will play in either the Big Ten (five) or SEC (seven) in the 2024 season.

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D/B/A Sunrise Golf Course
DL3904386 Beer Wine & Liquor - Package Store RENEWAL
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D/B/A FILLIN' STATION LIQUORS
DL3933162 Beer Wine & Liquor - Package Store RENEWAL
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
39C01-2210-EU-000082
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
JANIS DIANE SIMPSON, Deceased

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF JANIS DIANE SIMPSON, DECEASED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that LORI LITTLE, was, on the 28th day of October, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of JANIS DIANE SIMPSON, who died on September 24, 2022.

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Southwestern's Brady Cook (5, white) scores over Clarksville's Jacob Seward (5, black) during the Class 2A Sectionl at Southwestern on Wednesday.

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Seward had 21 points and five rebounds to lead Clarksville and Ray McClendon scored nine.

Southwestern now faces No. 1-ranked Brownstown, which blitzed Henryville 83-41 in the other opening round game on Wednesday. The Braves, who feature Purdue-bound Jack Benter, will be a tall task and Nussbaum knows that his team will need to play its best in order to pull off the upset.

"We have to lock in defensively and we have to match the physicality. They're bigger and stronger than us at every position," Nussbaum said. "We've got to take care of the ball. Last year when we played them we had way too many turnovers and allowed too many easy ones. They're too good offensively. We have to value every possession if we want to win."

Shawe's Philip Kahn (35) shoots over Trinity Lutheran's Peyton Pollert (21) during the Class A Sectional opener at New Washington on Tuesday.

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FROM **PAGE B1**

"That's a talented team. They've got a lot of shooters. They don't have one or two, they have three and four, and it's hard to stop all of them," Hambrick said. "We had a good game plan but once they get rolling, they're hard to guard."

Kahn spent the fourth quarter valiantly trying to bring his team back to no avail. Shawe did slowly close the gap and a basket by Ryker Brooks with just over a minute to play cut the final margin to 14.

Kahn finished with a game-high 36 points on 13-of-26 shooting. The senior, who closed the season on a tear, was also 8-of-9 from the free-throw line and hit a pair of 3-pointers.

Kahn closed out his stellar career at Shawe with 1,504 career points, the most in school history and 10th all-time in Jefferson County history.

"What do you say about PK? He just doesn't get rattled and he's just got the most humility and humbleness that I've ever seen," Hambrick said. "He's just a great player."

Kahn was the only Hilltopper in double figures. Smith and senior Jacob Hertz each scored six points and Sam Fewell added two.

Lang scored 26 points, Mellencamp had 14 and Peyton Pollert added 12 for Trinity Lutheran.

Trinity (12-11) advances to the sectional semifinals where it will take on Medora on Friday night. The winner faces either Rising Sun over New Washington in the championship game on Saturday.

Shawe ends the season with a 9-15 record — matching last year's mark and Hambrick is pleased with where the Hilltopper program's direction.

"We got to get to see history this year. We got a couple of scoring records and they even blessed me to get my 100th win,"Hambrick said. "I think we're actually going in the right direction. We had 20 kids that started the season, so we've got numbers and the kids want to play. We just got to keep doing the things we're doing."

Along with Kahn and Hertz, Shawe graduates five other seniors: Brooks, Colton Duerstock, Ben Guetig, Zach Gish and Fewell. Hambrick said all seven have meant something special to the program.

"Jacob Hertz has gone literally from playing the four — and probably one of the smallest four men in high school basketball history — to having to play the point guard position. Talk about a transition to do that. I'm so super proud of him for handling the transition," Hambrick said. "We had three seniors that had to take a bench role when you've got younger kids that come in and it says a lot about those three seniors that they stuck with it. I've seen this group come up through the junior high and it's gonna be tough to see them leave."

FRIDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Password		Dateline NBC (N)				WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	S.W.A.T. (N)		Fire (N)		Blue Bloods (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Password		Dateline NBC (N)				News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Penn (N)		Funny..	Animals	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)				News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)				News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Comm..	Week	🎥 Facing the Laughter: ...			Woman	BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	S.W.A.T. (N)		Fire (N)		Blue Bloods (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Penn (N)		Funny..	Animals	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	(5:00) 🎥 Beverly ...		🎥★★★ Lethal Weapon ('87) Mel Gibson.					🎥★★★ Lethal Weapon 2 ('89)			
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush (N)				Gold Rush (N)		GoldR..
DISN	25	29	Hamst..	Hamst..	Big City	Big City	🎥★★★ The Jungle Book			(:50) Kiff	(:20) Kiff		Big City
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		NBA	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
FREE	18	40	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	700Club
FX	40	28	(5:30) 🎥★★ Thor: The Dark World				🎥 Venom: Let There Be Carnage				🎥 Venom: Let There Be ...		
HBO	201	17	Movie	🎥★★ Date Night ('10)			🎥★★ San Andreas ('15)				Real Time (N)		Enthus..
MAX	270	73	(:15) 🎥★ Paranoia ('13)				🎥★★ XXX ('02) Vin Diesel. (P)				🎥 XXX: State of the Union		
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	🎥★★★ Gladiator Joaquin Phoenix, Russell Crowe.						
SHOW	221	16	(4:50) 🎥 13 Hours...		(:15) 🎥★★ Golda ('23)				🎥★★★ Gladiator Russell Crowe.				
TMC	233	74	Movie	🎥★★ Snow Day (P)			🎥★★★ Clueless ('95) (P)			(:40) 🎥★★ The DUFF ('15)			
TNT	27	43	Movie	(:45) 🎥★★★ Dune ('21) Rebecca Ferguson, Timothée Chalamet.							Rampage (N)		Ramp..
USA	26	33	Chicago Fire		🎥 Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl						🎥 Pirates of the Caribbea...		

SATURDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Chefs	Song	The Wall		Weakest Link		SNL		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	Sheldon	Sheldon	FBI: Int		FBI-Wanted		48 Hours (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News (N)		NBCN..	Let'sT..	The Wall		Weakest Link		SNL		News
8 WISH	12		(5:30) College Basketball			(:45) Basketball Clemson at Notre Dame (N)					News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	WiseM..	Cash	NBA	NBA Basketball					News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Ent. Tonight (N)		NBA	NBA Basketball					News
15 WKPC	13		(4:00) L...	Exile-Music (N)			Celtic Woman 20th				Bee Gees-Time		
19 WXIX	10		(4:30) MLS Soccer		Tip-Off (N)		College Basketball				FOX19 (N)		Floor
32 WLKY	5	5	WLK..	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	FBI: Int		FBI-Wanted		48 Hours (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	(5:30) College Basketball			(:45) Basketball Clemson at Notre Dame (N)					The Rookie		9-1-1
41 WDRB	8	9	(4:30) MLS Soccer		Tip-Off (N)		College Basketball				WDRB News		Floor
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	(5:30) 🎥★★ Mr. & Mrs. Smith ('05)				🎥★★★ Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (P)						Movie
COM	45	59	🎥 Dodgeball: A True Underdog St...				🎥★★ We're the Millers ('13)					🎥 Dodgeball: A ...	
DISC	31	38	Expedition X		Expedition X		Expedition X		Expedition X		Expedition X		Expedi..
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Marvel..	Ladyb..
ESPN	32	44	Basketball Virginia at Duke (N)				Basketball Tennessee at Alabama				College Basketball		
FREE	18	40	(:10) 🎥★★ The Proposal ('09)					(:50) 🎥★★ Footloose ('84) Lori Singer, Kevin Bacon.					
FX	40	28	(4:00) 🎥 Jurassic ...	🎥★★ Father Stu ('22) Mark Wahlberg. (P)							🎥★★ Father Stu ('22)		
HBO	201	17	(5:45) 🎥★★ Blue Beetle ('23)				🎥 Aquaman & the Lost Kingdom				(:05) Real Time		Enthus..
MAX	270	73	Movie	(:25) 🎥★★ Poltergeist ('15)			🎥 Kingsman: The Secret Service				(:10) 🎥★★ Paycheck ('03)		
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	(4:30) 🎥 Ocean's ...		🎥★★★ Ocean's Eleven ('01)					🎥★★★ Ocean's Twelve ('04)			
SHOW	221	16	(5:45) 🎥★★★★ Titanic ('97) Leonardo DiCaprio.						🎥 War Pony ('22) (P)				Movie
TMC	233	74	🎥★★ The Yards Mark Wahlberg.				🎥★★ Footloose ('11)				🎥 Saturday Night Fever		
TNT	27	43	(4:45) 🎥★★★ Dune ('21)				All Elite Wrestling: Collision (N)				🎥★★ Jason Bourne ('16)		
USA	26	33	(5:00) 🎥 Clash of ...		(:15) 🎥★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End ('07)							🎥 Pirates of the ...	

SUNDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Wall	🎥★★★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ('01)							WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	60 Minutes (N)		Equalizer (N)		Tracker (N)		CSI: Vegas (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Wall	🎥★★★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ('01)							News
8 WISH	12		News	FamFe..	I Am Jackie O (N)				Conners	Conners	News	Sports	News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	Fun Videos (N)		Amer. Idol "703 (Auditions)" (N)				What Would		News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Fun Videos (N)		Amer. Idol "703 (Auditions)" (N)				What Would		News
15 WKPC	13		(5:30) John		All New Rock (N)				All Creatures Great (N)				R.Orbi..
19 WXIX	10		(3:30) NASCAR		Next Level Chef		Simpso..	Krapo..	-North	Grims..	FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	CBSN..	WLK..	60 Minutes (N)		Equalizer (N)		Tracker (N)		CSI: Vegas (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	BigBa..	BigBa..	I Am Jackie O (N)				Conners	Conners	Good Dr		LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	(3:30) NASCAR		Next Level Chef		Simpso..	Krapo..	-North	Grims..	WDRB News		Worry
A&E	28	36	WWE Rivals		WWE Rivals		WWE Rivals		Biography "Sgt. Slaughter" (N)				WWE..
AMC	29	26	🎥★★★ Iron Man ('08) Robert Downey Jr.. (P)						Dead (N)		(:15) Dead "Gone"		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Afraid "There Will Be Blood" (N)				Naked and Afraid (N)				Afraid		Afraid
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	🎥★★ The Lion King ('19)				Big City	Big City	LEGO
ESPN	32	44	NBA (N) (Live)		NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball			
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MONDAY EVENING

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FX	40	28	(5:30) 🎥★★★ Hitch ('05) Will Smith.				🎥★★ The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock.					🎥 Night School	
HBO	201	17	(:10) 🎥 X-Men Origins: Wolverine				Regime	(:55) 🎥★★ Get Hard ('15)				Enthus..	GodSa..
MAX	270	73	(:20) 🎥★ I Love You, Beth Cooper				🎥 I Now Pronounce You Chuck &...				(:55) 🎥★★ Office Space		
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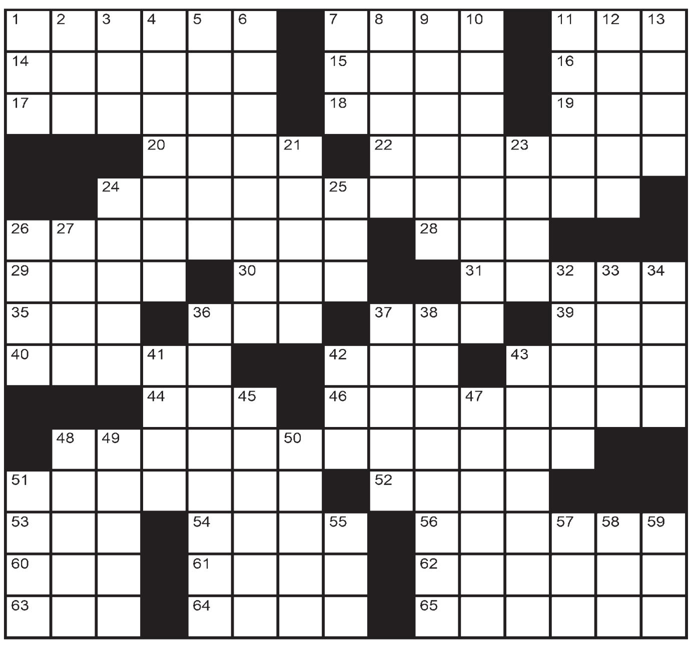

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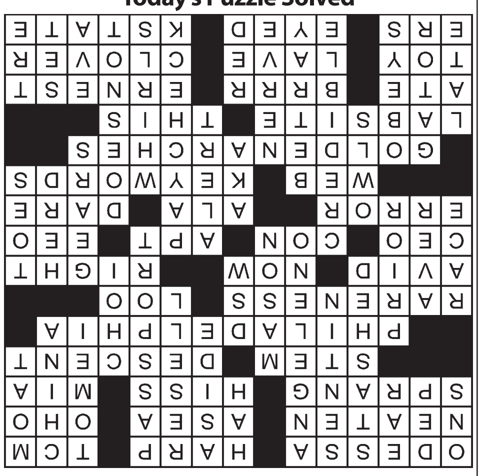
ACROSS
1 City of Ukraine or Texas
7 Angel's instrument
11 Cinephile's channel
14 Tidy up
15 Sailing the ocean
16 "Now I see!"
17 Leapt
18 Snake's warning
19 Actress Farrow
20 Flower support
22 Downward travel
24 The City of Brotherly Love
26 Quality of a sought-after collectible
28 UK place to go
29 Enthusiastic
30 This instant
31 Correct
35 Corp. bigwig
36 Reason not to
37 On topic
39 Job listing abbr.
40 Screw-up
42 Birmingham's state: Abbr.
43 Foolhardy challenge
44 Spider's creation
46 Search terms
48 McDonald's nickname: 2 wds.
51 Testing location: 2 wds.
52 "__ is where it all started"
53 Ingested
54 "It's c-c-cold!"
56 Literary Hemingway
60 Small dog category
61 Wash
62 Fodder plant for cattle
63 Where surgeries happen: Abbr.
64 Regarded
65 Midwestern public university, for short: 2 wds.

DOWN
1 Add-__ (extras)
2 Withdrawal's opposite: Abbr.
3 Organ with a canal
4 Hid away
5 Remitted
6 Resident of La La Land
7 "I showed YOU!"
8 Away from the center
9 Flip, as a house
10 Travel document
11 Actress Marisa
12 Fine porcelain
13 Water around a fortress
21 Stoneworker
23 Korean surname
24 Previous
25 Popular shoe store chain
26 "The Amazing __" (CBS reality show)
27 Declare
32 Mechanical parts
33 Group of cattle
34 Hands : fingers :: feet : __
36 Believable
37 Warn
38 Worker's weekly remuneration
41 Nocturnal birds
42 Letters before an alias
43 Fails to: 2 wds.
45 Rat out
47 Spins in circles
48 Florida reptile, for short
49 Does as bidden
50 Chutzpah
51 Not in time
55 Embarrassed, perhaps
57 Longoria of TV
58 Complete collection
59 Italian three

Today's Puzzle Solved



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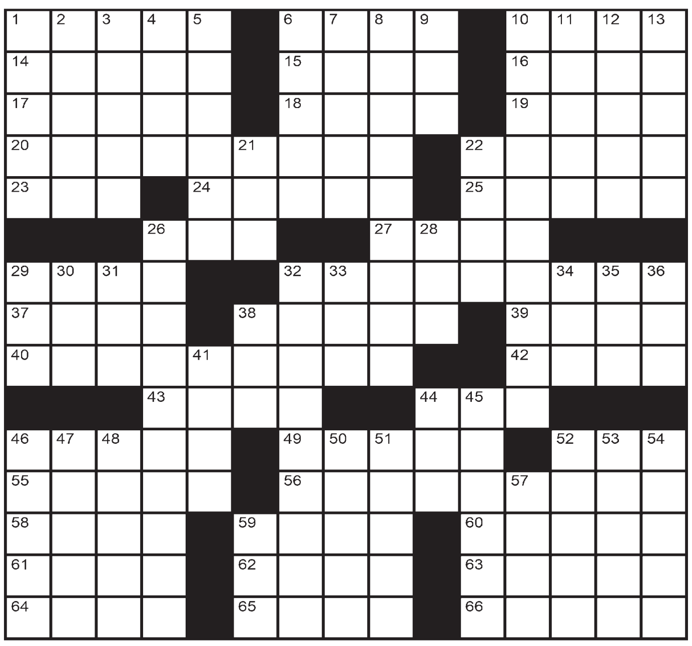

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1 Intense anger
6 Sense
10 Mountains of Europe
14 __ the Riveter
15 Thereabouts
16 Board game with suspects
17 Flared dress style
18 Knocks firmly
19 What a babysitter provides
20 Venue with a stage
22 Packing heat
23 ID with two hyphens
24 Gantry or Fudd
25 Chicago team
26 Notice
27 Elderly
29 Mexican resort, for short
32 Participants who get to the last round
37 Taken by mouth
38 Pub pastime
39 Use a stopwatch
40 Fodder storage site: 2 wds.
42 Grand tale
43 Big name in fashion
44 __-Atlantic states
46 Water balloon's sound
49 Some community gyms: Abbr.
52 '50s school dance
55 Over yonder
56 Use a keyboard without looking: 2 wds.
58 __ canai (Malaysian dish)
59 Villain's hideout
60 Issue to discuss
61 Butting heads
62 "Or __ what?!"
63 Sports venue
64 Petting zoo horse
65 Obtains
66 Out of bed

DOWN
1 Tubular sandwiches
2 Sushi orders
3 From China
4 Wee
5 Giggling sounds
6 Place to exchange views
7 Delete data from
8 Language invented in 1887
9 __ Angeles, California
10 Officially recognized
11 Peruvian grazer
12 Less corrupted
13 Tournament rankings
21 Fútbol cheer
22 Cain's victim
26 Comradeship with a common cause
28 Car's fuel
29 Gear with teeth
30 Pirate's grunt
31 Sheep's bleat
32 Story that begins "Once upon a time..."
33 Not online, for short
34 Taste of a drink
35 "Eww, stop talking!"
36 "Gimme a __!"
38 British mil. award
41 Nick at __
44 PC alternative
45 1987 Beatty bomb
46 Sandal part
47 Snapshot
48 Admit: 2 wds.
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52 Talks up
53 Give one's two cents
54 Pie nut
57 "90210" actress Spelling
59 Tibia's location

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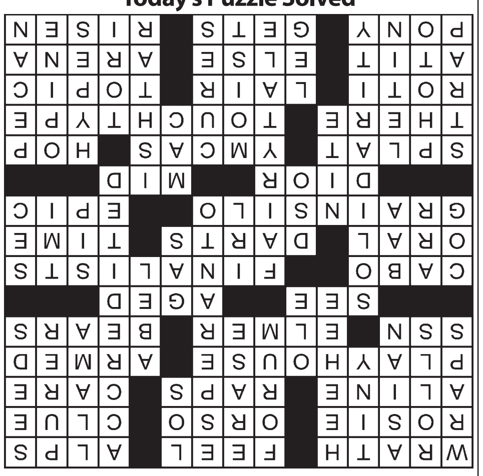

New relationship displaces old friendship

AMY
DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I have a very good friend named "Carl," who recently began dating a guy named "Samuel." Samuel is cold to me and seems threatened by my long-standing close friendship with Carl. I've mentioned this to Carl, who's been dismissive about it.

Recently, Carl had a significant birthday, and when I asked if he was doing anything special, he said he was celebrating it out of town with his family.

On the night of his birthday, I didn't have plans, so I went to a restaurant (solo) to have dinner at the bar, where I am friends with the bartender.

Imagine my surprise, when Carl, Samuel and a few others walked in for Carl's birthday dinner.

It was an awkward coincidence, and I was very hurt that I hadn't been invited and had been lied to. Carl apologized for lying, told me that Samuel put together the guest list and said that we obviously needed to chat soon. I didn't have much to say since I was still processing it.

They were seated in a private room away from the bar area. I had already ordered and was waiting for my food when Samuel came out of the room and approached me, saying that my presence in the restaurant was making Carl uncomfortable and was ruining his birthday dinner.

When I told him that I had already ordered and planned on eating my dinner, Samuel told me I was selfish, making me feel even worse.

I feel like I was put in an untenable situation and am reexamining my friendship with Carl. But was I selfish and was I obligated to leave? I'm trying to make sense of this.

— Hurt and Confused

Dear Hurt: When "Samuel" approached the bar to denigrate you (as you were minding your own business), you might have responded that if being in another room in a public restaurant was so challenging for him and the group, then perhaps their party should leave. Given that "Carl" dealt with this social awkwardness by acknowledging it, apologizing and by blaming Samuel for excluding you, I suggest that you should take him at his word and not end the friendship but put it on "pause."

Carl is obviously allowing his current boyfriend to control the close friendship you and he share; if Samuel is isolating Carl from other people in the friendship and family circle (in addition to you), this is an alarming sign that their relationship is not only lopsided but possibly abusive.

Don't completely sever the friendship. Do your best to stay open to Carl; he might need you down the line.

Elder traveler wants to go solo

AMY
DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I love to travel. It's almost an obsession, and age (I'm over 80) has not dulled my desire to GO. I had a good job and saved so that I could travel a lot in retirement.

My problem is with girlfriends who keep asking to come with me. At my age, a large portion are either divorced or widowed.

I like all of them or they wouldn't be my friends, but there are very few that I'd want to travel and be with for a couple of weeks.

Some are inclined to be negative, some talk all the time (I read in the evening) and many complain a lot about their health issues. What do I say to stop this constant haranguing?

We are currently away, and I invited one very easy-going lady, with whom I've been friends since the age of 3, to join us for part of the trip.

I posted a picture of the three of us on FB, and one woman was so upset that SHE hadn't been invited, that she canceled a visit with her that I had planned long ago.

Should I just stop talking about my upcoming travel plans?

— S

Dear S: Overall, it is unwise to post about your travels while you are away. There are many practical reasons for this (the first being that you should not telegraph the fact that you are away from your home). Being discreet about your travels would also spare you from the burden of your friends' hurt feelings.

Savvy people save their social media posts for after they've returned home, unpacked their bags and edited their photos.

You should not let people guilt you into including them on your travels. You are not a tour guide. You are the travel agent of your own life.

If you sincerely believe that people are "constantly haranguing" you, then you should tell them, "I'm firm about this, so I wish you'd stop asking," but you need to understand that people have the right to ask anything of you. You might have to say, "No, that wouldn't work for me," every single time.

You might suggest to these friends that they should consider booking a tour or a cruise and travel together.

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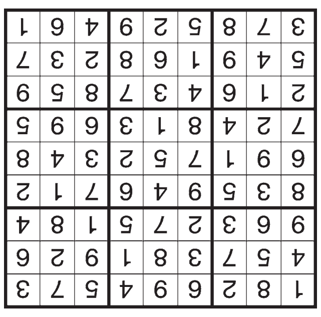

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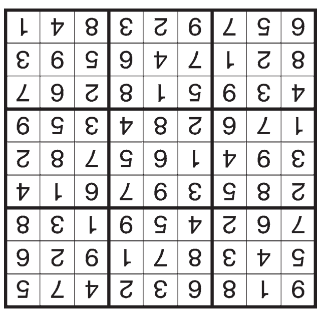

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This may not be a time to try coasting through on your good looks and charm. People will likely be evaluating you on purely objective grounds. Make sure your work can stand on its own merit without your name.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Small children, cats, and your friends can be equally difficult to herd. Do what you can to get them where they need to be but accept that they might not always follow your plans and have fun anyway.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you change your look or your attitude you might fit better into the crowd as though you were wearing camouflage. You need to decide if you are sacrificing your authenticity for a worthy purpose or not.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Opportunities for advancement may be coming. This could be a suitable time to improve your credentials, so you can be ready for whatever comes your way. Be ready to take on new responsibilities soon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Any urgency in the problems du jour may make it difficult to plan for the future. You need to find breathing room before you take meaningful action or prepare for all the next steps. Tomorrow is a new day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even if you someday have enough clout to ignore deadlines, for the time being, they still matter. Rather than panicking, prioritize your tasks and ask for extensions on the least urgent projects like a boss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Saying no can be a difficult skill to learn. If you find yourself buried under piles of things you've agreed to do out of guilt or duty, it may be better for your sanity to abandon a less important project. Take time to get organized.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Advisers can push you in different directions. Think about their agendas before you decide who to follow. Even if they mean well, they only see the world through their own eyes. Identify your own priorities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Much can be accomplished through discussions that seek out win-win solutions and by focusing on maximum benefit for everyone. Don't be fooled into thinking you are right if you're wrong.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Dating can be a minefield even when things seem to go well. Use judgment and experience to avoid any traps if single. Introduce a new someone to friends and take their opinions seriously; they likely know your blind spots.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — When anyone asks for the impossible or changes terms when you are almost done, take a breath. Remind yourself that they are probably doing the best they can with what they have. It may just be poor planning.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You could be wearing blinders when it comes to relationships; it can be easy to be fooled by surface appearances. Someone may think your friendliness and warmth promise more intimacy than you intend.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Being able to trust the people around you is a wonderful feeling. Let your loved ones and friends know the confidence you have in them and the important and pivotal role they play in your life and happiness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Even a little bit late is usually better than never, but frequent interruptions and changes to your plans can put you too far behind. Hopefully, it is all for a worthy cause. You might be attracted to unusual and exciting trends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Although they might not be able to admit it, a family member may need your emotional support now. Give them a call or stop by to check in on them. having someone to talk to could make all the difference.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Whether it is date night or hanging with friends, one of the most important skills to develop could be listening. They may be saying more than you initially realize; letting them know you care may mean more than you think.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There may be interference with a plan, and unless you have absolute control, there can be unexpected crosscurrents popping up. You may still have the chance to modify your idea so it can better fit the actual conditions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Everyone has a different way to access their creativity. Whatever your technique, a vision may be coming into focus that you can make real. Give yourself time and space let it take shape in your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Most people have a few frogs to kiss before they find their royal soulmate. It's never about which swamp you enter, but about which day you first dip in your toe. Wait for your personal Cinderella cycles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Partnership may not have been part of your original plan, but there are things you could use help with; you can't be everywhere at once. A cooperative partner can complement your skills and give you an advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Sometimes a game is just a game and other times it could become an existential struggle. Before you roll the dice, let everyone know whether you're playing for real or just keeping your hands busy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You could have opportunities to take your project to the next level. Pay attention to your advisors, an offer might be disguised as a random statement. You likely have the ability, consider taking a chance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Situations may be changing, and few may know what the final plan looks like. An opportunity to find a new place can appear when everything settles down. Don't be afraid of transitions; things should improve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You could be doing your best swan impression: Calm and sedate above the surface and paddling as fast as you can below. Letting people know you're struggling could ease your burden and let you relax a bit.

Suarez takes aim at NASCAR Cup Series championship

BY CHARLES ODUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — Daniel Suarez knows he will return to Atlanta Motor Speedway as a playoff contender on Sept. 8.

Suarez also can count on retaining his spot on Trackhouse Racing's team when the NASCAR Cup Series makes its 2025 stops in Atlanta. The popular driver from Monterrey, Mexico, ended speculation about his future with the team by winning Sunday's Cup race in a memorable three-wide finish.

It was only the second career win in 253 Cup races for Suarez and the first since June 2022 at Sonoma. A winless 2023 raised speculation about the future for Suarez entering his 2024 contract year with Trackhouse Racing. Co-owner Justin Marks insisted Sunday he never saw this season as an audition for the driver.

"On the hot seat? He just didn't have the year that he wanted last year," Marks said. "But we know that he can get it done, and he's a guy that can get it done. I don't envision necessarily a situation where Daniel is not a driver for Trackhouse Racing."

Suarez scoffed at suggestions he should be relieved to know he secured his spot in the playoff field in only the second race of the season or that he may no longer have to worry about his future with Trackhouse.

Instead, Suarez emphasized the goal of winning more than one race and competing for a championship. Atlanta will host the opening race of the playoff schedule.

Bolstered by the addition of new crew chief Max Swiderski, Suarez says it's time to win more races and forget about contract talk that continued after he signed a one-year extension in 2023.

"I never felt like I was in the hot seat," Suarez said. "A lot of people were talking about it. ... I knew that last year wasn't the year that I really wanted. ... We worked hard, but we were not efficient. We were missing something. We were not firing on all eight cylinders."

Suarez said even before Sunday's win he could sense a change in the team's direction. He finished only 34th in the season-opening Daytona 500 but led two laps.

Suarez finished strong in his Chevrolet to narrowly beat Ryan Blaney and Kyle Busch in the closest finish in Atlanta history and the third-closest finish in any Cup Series race with electronic scoring since 1993.

Suarez said he has been saying "I can feel the team strong, I can feel the communication, the preparation, everything that we have." He said Swiderski "has done a hell of a job helping me to build a strong team, and I can feel it. I can feel it."

Swiderski's skills were put to the test when Suarez was part of a massive pileup of at least 16 cars at the start of the second lap. Swiderski said "the tape started flying" as short-term fixes were made to the hood of the Chevrolet on pit row.

"We had to get some more pictures of it and come up with another plan and had to work on it again," Swiderski said, referring to the end of the stage. "Everybody kept their heads in it and stayed calm. We were able to get the car back to where we felt we were pretty decent and could be competitive."

The "pretty decent" version of the No. 99 was good enough on a day all but a handful of cars were impacted by at least one wreck. Now comes next Sunday's race at Las Vegas, where Suarez will have his opportunity to prove he can compete for a championship this season.

"The goal for me personally has never been to win a race a year, to win two races a year," Suarez said. "The goal is bigger than that. I knew that to be able to get that, we needed to do something.

"I feel that right now we are slowly making steps in the direction of where I want to be, where I want to go with this race team, that I want to accomplish to be able to win several races a year, to be able to be strong in the playoffs, not just to make the playoffs but to be strong in the playoffs and to be able to have a real shot for the championship."

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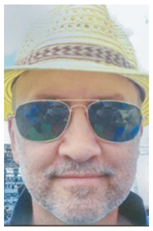
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Madison, Indiana-style

Indiana's Music City has deep Irish roots



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Outside of Dublin on the Emerald Isle itself, especially in America, there are a couple of classic towns that really know how to do St. Paddy's Day right.

New York City, of course, the gateway for so many Irish immigrants who flowed through Ellis Island into the New World. Chicago, where they literally dye the Chicago River green for the occasion. And Madison, Indiana.

Yes, I said Madison, and I'll tell you why. Madison has a rich and very long history of Irish immigration and contribution, going back literally 200 years. Celebrating Celtic culture, like St. Patrick's Day goes back just about as far as any city or town in the U.S. And secondly, Madison is Indiana's Music City, a place that knows how to throw a party and have a good time.

This year Madison is finally throwing off the final constraints and setbacks of the pandemic era to get all the festive St. Patrick's events and celebrations back up to full speed. The events begin a full week before the actual day on March 10th, continue throughout the week, and culminate with a huge celebration on Sunday, March 17th.

The entire week-long celebration is designed to be family friendly, with children welcome to almost all the events. Or it can be a bit more party themed, with more emphasis on Madison's many delightful pubs and clubs. The choice is yours. It's also structured to offer a fun-filled 3-day weekend experience, starting with a Pub Crawl on March 15th and ending with an afternoon Celtic party at Thomas Family Winery on Sunday.

Let's look at the events one at a time:

Sunday, March 10th is the Kick-Off Open House at St. Michael the Archangel Church in downtown Madison. The event is sponsored by the Ohio Valley Celtic Society, and includes an Irish Tea tasting and two musical performances throughout the afternoon. The first is Pam Deveary playing the historic Tracker pipe organ in the large sanctuary room. Later the Celtic-themed band The Ragged Arse Tinkers will play. The event is from 2–4 p.m, and there is no admission charge.

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MadLove is just one of dozens of places to eat, drink and be merry in Madison.

St. Michael's Church is a fascinating and worthwhile visit in its own right, any time of the year. Built in 1839, in large part by Irish immigrant labor, it is the oldest example of Gothic Revival architecture in the state of Indiana. The all stone structure is said to be built with the many tons of limestone that were removed from the famous railroad incline on the west end of town, again mostly constructed by the Irish.

On Tuesday, May 12th there will be a Celtic Symposium at the History Center in Madison, again free and open to the public. Speakers will outline the many contributions of the various Celtic cultures in Madison's history. John Nyberg, director of the History Center, reminds us about the significant Scottish presence in the early days. "In the eastern part of the county there was a huge Scottish contingent at one time, centered around the Caledonia Presbyterian Church out there," John explains. "At one time they

Even the wine and cider offerings at Thomas Family Winery are in keeping with the early pioneer styles that would have been enjoyed by early settlers. 'We feel like we are carrying on the traditions of the Celtic culture,' states Steve Thomas, owner, shown here with his wife, Elizabeth.

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On Friday, March 15th, the party really starts to get in gear with the official Madison Trolley Pub Crawl. Tickets are $40 and they entitle you to food and drink at 4 or 5 destinations around the downtown area, plus Celtic dancers at each location to keep the mood light and festive. The Madison trolley will be continuously circulating among the venues, so you can just hop on and hop off as you wish. There will also be multiple "Photo-Op" locations where you can get great pictures of your group or party.

Last year The Drake Lounge featured an amazing "Sullivan Street Pizza" dish, based on the famous Sullivan Street Bakery in New York City. Rumor is they will be offering it again! Over at Thomas Family Winery they plan to whip up what they call their "Lace Curtain Colcannon", which is another way of saying, "the fancy version" of this venerable Irish dish of mashed potatoes and cabbage. In keeping with the family theme, most of the stops on the Trolley Pub Crawl will allow children, so that option is available if you want to bring the little ones. But all will be serving alcohol, so keep that in mind. It will be a party!

Saturday, March 16th, will be a typical weekend in Indiana's Music City, which is to say, there will be live music happening at multiple downtown venues throughout the evening. Madison is one of the best weekend getaway towns in the entire Midwest, with a safe, walkable downtown entertainment district that lets you dine, enjoy live music, and walk to your hotel or BnB when the night is over. There's really nothing quite like it!

But to keep the Celtic/St. Patrick's theme going on Saturday, there will be Irish Road Bowling going on from 2–5 PM down on the riverfront, at the far west end of Vaughn Drive where the Heritage Trail begins. Irish Road Bowling originated during the early days of British occupation, when some bored and enterprising young Irish lads stole a few of the British 2-pounder cannon balls and made up a game to pass the time.

Basically it's kind of a cross between golf and bowling, where the idea is to roll your ball along a course and strike a target stick at the end, in the fewest number of rolls. Courses would be layed out through the streets of Belfast or Limerick, thus the name of the game. A typical 2-pounder cannon ball is about the size of a softball, but it's solid iron so is much heavier. One can only imagine the damage the cannon balls may have done carroming off the walls of the city alleys and streets! The Madison version of the game is played on the Heritage Trail, with much less chance for destruction of personal property. It's free to play, lots of fun, and open to all ages. Just show up at the far west end of Vaughn Drive (riverfront street) on Saturday at 2PM.

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On Sunday, March 17th, which is actual St. Patrick's Day, the week's activities culminate with a grand party at Thomas Family Winery, starting at 1PM. Thomas Family Winery is the epicenter of Celtic culture in Madison (and the region) with Irish and Celtic bands playing there many times a year, plus numerous Celtic holiday parties and observances.

Even the wine and cider offerings at Thomas Family Winery are in keeping with the early pioneer styles that would have been enjoyed by early settlers. "We feel like we are carrying on the traditions of the Celtic culture," states Steve Thomas, owner. "The Celts have been involved with the production and transportation of alcohol going back some 7,000 years. It's in our blood, you might say. Cider in particular has followed the Gaelic people all over Europe, wherever they roamed and settled down.

The house band at Thomas Family Winery, called the Ragged Arse Tinkers, will be performing on Sunday from 1 – 4 PM. This is the place to be for an authentic, memorable, St. Patrick's Day experience.

The Thomas Family Winery

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So what's the best way to do St. Pat's in Madison? First, look at the events and decide which ones you want to attend and participate in. You can make a full week of it if you wanted to, from Sunday to Sunday! Or you could make it one great blowout weekend, starting with the Friday Trolley Pub Crawl.

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Several years ago Madison legalized golf carts on the city streets downtown, and the result has been nothing short of incredible. Today there are more than 800 privately owned golf carts buzzing in all directions, and a complete rental fleet available right next door to Thomas Family Winery on Second Street, including at Acree Alley Carts.

Next step, as the saying goes, "Get a room!" There is nothing more fun than really enjoying a rousing party atmosphere, knowing you have a hotel room within walking distance at the end of the night. Madison has a wealth of unique and historic lodging options these days, from the brand new Cotton Mill Fairfield Inn down by the bridge, to the 1950's era Hillside Inn where Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin stayed. From the boutique Chandler Hotel literally steps from all the action, to the classic motel-style Riverboat Inn. Not to mention the some 81 Air BnBs operating all over downtown. Go to Visit-Madison.org and click on the "STAY" tab at the top for a complete listing.

Step three, rent a golf cart! Several years ago Madison legalized golf carts on the city streets downtown, and the result has been nothing short of incredible. Today there are more than 800 privately owned golf carts buzzing in all directions, and a complete rental fleet available right next door to Thomas Family Winery on Second Street. Having a cart at your disposal is the ultimate way to enjoy the many quiet streets and secluded alleys of this historic town. Park your car on Friday, and you won't need it again until you get ready to go home on Sunday! Contact Acree Alley Carts if you'd like to rent, at 812-701-2335.

Red Right Hand film now in theaters

Star-studded epic filmed in Henry County

BY ROBB HOFF
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Filmed on location in Campbellsburg and New Castle nearly two years ago, the “Red Right Hand” film starring Orlando Bloom and Andie MacDowell is now being shown by Magnolia Pictures in theaters nationwide.

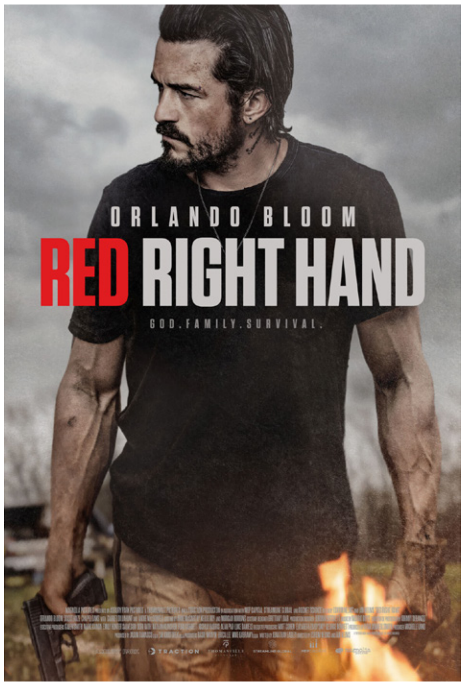
The limited theater release excluded the Cinemark and AMC locations in the region, but viewers can access the smalltown action thriller through streaming outlets, which the Magnolia Pictures website lists as Amazon Prime, Apple+, Spectrum On Demand, Vudu/Fandango and Red Box among others.

Directed by Eshom and Ian Nelms and written by Jonathan Easley, “Red Right Hand” pits the Cash character played by Bloom against the Big Cat “Queen of Odim” portrayed by MacDowell in a life-or-death clash of good versus evil guided by the mantra of “God. Family. Survival.”

Set locations for the film in Henry County featured the Campbellsburg Baptist Church and Henry County Sheriff’s Office in New Castle. Magnolia Pictures released the movie trailer sample of the movie last month.

“I watched the trailer,” Henry County Sheriff Keith Perry said. “Looks to be an action-packed movie…Looks great! My kind of movie. I think it’s pretty awesome to have a movie filmed in my county.”

The "Queen of Odim," Andie MacDowell in "Red Right Hand", a Magnolia Pictures release. © Red Right Hand Productions LLC, Steve Squall.



Filmed in Campbellsburg and New Castle, “Red Right Hand” starring Orlando Bloom premiers Feb. 23 with streaming and digital release nationwide.

Interpretive programs slated for Clifty Falls State Park

The following is a schedule of interpretive programs scheduled this month at Clifty Falls State Park

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

10am Story and Sensory Walk - It’s National Read Across America Day and March 1 was National Day of Unplugging, so we thought why not celebrate both at one time. Come to the Nature Center for story time with the naturalist, then go on a short, easy sensory walk to the observation tower during this 45-minute program.

2pm Sights and Sounds of Spring Hike - Spring is almost here! Let’s explore the changes in nature from winter to spring. We’ll look for wildflowers, listen for birds, and more! Meet at Clifty Shelter for this 1 hour moderately rugged hike.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

10am Turtle Time - Celebrate World Wildlife Day with us! Discover the turtles that call Clifty Falls home and meet our live turtles during this 30-minute program at the Nature Center.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

10am Backyard Birdwatching - Come to the Nature Center to see what birds visit our feeders and we’ll help you identify what you see and share some fun facts during this 30-minute program.

1pm Women’s Hiking Group Meet-Up - Ladies! Join us for our monthly group hike where you can get outdoors and meet like-minded women. This 2-hour hike is rugged. Meet at Tunnel Falls parking lot.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

2pm Waterfall Hike - Meet at Clifty Shelter for a 1 hour moderately rugged hike through one of the most scenic sections of Clifty Canyon. There’s a chance to see 5 waterfalls along the way!

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

6pm Friends Group Meeting - Join our parks Friends Group! Meet us at the Nature Center to find out how you can become more involved in volunteering to better our park for current and future generations. Meet new people, while having the opportunity to learn and grow!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

10am Animal Track Books - Come to the Nature Center to explore different animal tracks you might find in the park and make an animal tracks book to take home with you to help you identify the tracks in your own backyard during this 30-minute activity.

2pm Waterfall Hike - Meet at Clifty Shelter for a 1 hour moderately rugged hike through one of the most scenic sections of Clifty Canyon. There’s a chance to see 5 waterfalls along the way!

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

10am Fun with Frogs - World Frog Day is March 20. Celebrate a little early with us by discovering more about our amphibian friends and then making a fun craft during this 30-minute program at the Nature Center.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

10am Trash to Treasure - It’s Global Recycling Day. Discover the benefits of recycling and then make a fun craft using items that some people would consider trash during this 45-minute program at the Nature Center.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

10am Growing Wild - Discover more about our native wildflowers and their parts. Then paint a flowerpot, plant some wildflower seeds in it and take it home with you all during this hour-long program at the Nature Center. Please register by calling 812-273-0609.

MORE EVENTS >>>

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

2pm Water Quality Monitoring - It's World Water Day! Meet at the Pool to go on a short easy hike down to the creek where we will do some basic tests to check the quality of the water in our stream during this hour-long program.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 | CABIN FEVER DAY

10am Waterfall Hike - Meet at Clifty Shelter for a 1 hour moderately rugged hike through one of the most scenic sections of Clifty Canyon. There's a chance to see 5 waterfalls along the way!

1pm Live Birds of Prey - Join us at Clifty Shelter to meet some live birds of prey from Hardy Lake. Please bring a cash donation for this 1-hour program to benefit the Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Rehabilitation Center.

3pm Bluebird Box Workshop - Encourage bluebirds to take up residence in your backyard by building a house for them. This workshop, sponsored by the Friends of Clifty Falls State Park, is limited to 10 people and there is a $20 fee. We will meet at Clifty Shelter. Please call 812- 273-0609 to register.

8pm Timberdoodles Sky Dance - Meet at the outdoor Pool for this 30-minute program to watch for the courtship display of the American Woodcock. Their display, known as the sky dance, is best viewed at dawn and dusk.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

10am Slime vs. Scales - Explore the unique adaptations of some of our live reptiles and amphibians during this 45- minute program at the Nature Center. There will be an opportunity to touch a live snake or turtle!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

10am Whose Nest is This? - Discover how to identify bird nests and eggs. Then paint an egg to take home with you during this hour-long program at the Nature Center.

2pm Spring Scavenger Hunt - Join the naturalist at the Nature Center for this hour-long moderate hike to search for items on the scavenger hunt list, or if you would like to complete the scavenger hunt solo, you can pick up a list any time before 3pm at the nature center. Once you have photos of all the items on the list, show your photos to the naturalist to receive a small prize, and be entered into a drawing for an annual pass.

Nature Center Hours Sunday & Monday: 10am-3pm Tuesday & Wednesday: Closed Thursday-Saturday: 10am-3pm

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March is filled with fun in Madison

The fountain in Madison is one of many scenic highlights the city has to offer.

The onset of spring brings plenty of beauty to Madison.

Girls Weekend offers Wild West Dance Party, Brunch, Trivia, giveaways and more

Although the temperature is bouncing like a ball (which seems appropriate for Indiana this time of year), we here at Visit Madison wanted to share all of the ways you can “Get Out” in Madison in March:

Get Outdoors! From trails for walking and biking to outdoor parks and river recreation, there’s plenty of ways to experience the outdoors in Madison. In the BRAND NEW 2024 Experience Madison guide, you’ll find an expanded area focusing on the area’s boating, camping, adventure tours, scenic drives, walking tours, and so much more. Check out the new visitors guide online at www.VisitMadison.org or pick-up at hard copy at the Visitors Center 601 W 1st Street. Plus be sure to subscribe to our events calendar, where you’ll find the latest up to date info on weekly music, events, festivals and more!

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Outshine the sun for the Solar Eclipse happening on April 8th! Although Madison isn’t in the area of totality, there will be plenty to do in Madison the weekend of the eclipse, including a Solar Explorers program at Lanier Mansion on April 7th. Stay the weekend before in Madison and enjoy all there is to do and watch the partial eclipse with a cookout at Clifty Falls State Park or travel to a nearby community like North Vernon to experience “totality.”

Outdance your friends with live music every weekend! Madison is Indiana’s Music City, and with the amount of live music happening every single weekend, it’s easy to see why. In March alone, enjoy acts that feature variety like banjos and fiddles with “The Local Honeys” on March 16th or Buffalo Tabs & The Price Hill Hustle on March 22nd at Red Bicycle Hall. Or if dancing isn’t your thing, check out the Commonwealth Brass Band or a concert Pianist performance hosted by the Madison Performing Arts Foundation.

No matter how you like to “Get Out” in March, you can do it in Madison…just check out www.visitmadison.org/events to plan your visit today!

Dogwood trees in full bloom are one of the most colorful attractions in Madison each year.

It's not uncommon to see picturesque wildlife in the areas surrounding Madison, including whitetail deer.

ST PATTY'S WEEKEND

The annual St. Patrick's Party Week is upon us. In collaboration with the Ohio Valley Celtic Society, find multiple events happening in Madison highlighting Irish heritage and Irish fun! To start off the week, join Historic Madison Inc with an afternoon tea and music at St. Michael's the Archangel. Then enjoy expanding your mind with a symposium at the History & Art Museum. Don't forget a free (donations accepted) movie to fit in with the Irish theme at the Ohio Theatre, and then cap the entire week off with tickets for the Taste of Ireland Trolley Crawl and Irish road bowling! You won't want to miss out on the fun here in Madison for St. Patrick's Day. Check it all out at www.VisitMadison.org/events

GIRLS WEEKEND

When you hear the familiar guitar riff, you know Shania Twain is coming next with "Let's Go Girls!"

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Enjoy Girls Weekend in Madison!

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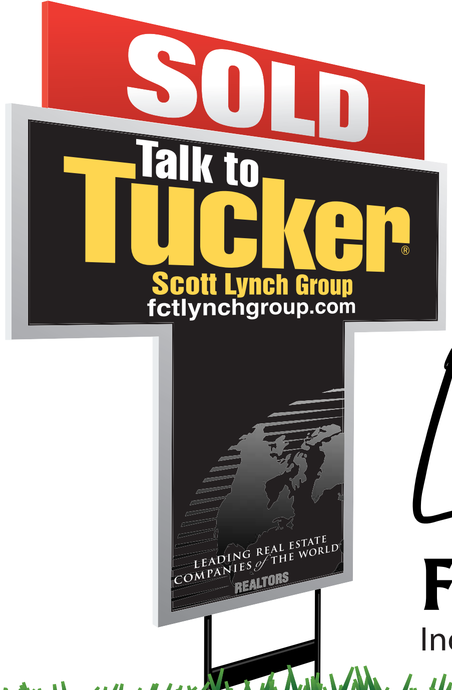
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A RAINBOW OF ARTS & CRAFTS

Gallery 104 in La Grange will be hosting two shows in March. The first, Oldham County Schools Student/Teacher Art Show, will take place on March 4 – 22. Stop by the gallery and check out some great art by Oldham County students and teachers! This three-week exhibit will showcase the work of students and teachers in a non-competitive environment to celebrate individual art disciplines in a wide variety of mediums. Free admission.

March is also the month for Trading Places, an exhibit at the gallery from March 26-April 20. This exhibit is an exchange show open to all mediums between the Oldham County Arts Association (AAOC/La Grange) and the Shelby Regional Arts Guild (SRAG/Shelbyville). It is only open to member artists of either organization in all mediums and will display work by some amazingly talented artists in each other's venues, allowing artists the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work in a different venue and community. An opening reception will be held at Gallery 104 on Thursday, March 28, 6:30-8 p.m. An opening reception will be held at the Dogwood Gallery on Friday, April 5, 6:30 – 8 p.m. FREE admission.

Springtime and eggs just go together. Join staff at the Oldham County Public Library, Crestwood Branch on March 6 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. for Celebrations – Springtime as they try a technique of decorating Easter eggs using nail polish. Free for Adults.

Handmade Creations - Spring Wreath will be held on March 7th from 11:30 am – 1 pm at the Oldham County Public Library, La Grange Branch. Staff will instruct participants on how to make a beautiful spring wreath out of yarn. Hanging these wreaths on your front door is a great way to welcome springtime. FREE/For Adults.

Get creative and paint a cute Bunny Porch Ornament on March 17th from 2 - 5 pm at the John W. Black Community Center at Wendell Moore Park. All materials will be supplied for this fun and creative class. Grab your friends and make a fun afternoon of it! $45 + tax per person.

Held in conjunction with Main Street Derby, a Derby-themed event on Main Street La Grange, Goin' to Market: Win, Place, Artisan Show at CityPlace on March 30 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. will showcase artisans, small businesses, boutiques, crafters and food trucks. Come shop, eat and explore all there is to do in Oldham County! Can good donations for Highpoint Charity will enter you into door prize drawings. Free admission. Canned good donations for Highpoint Charity will enter you into door prize drawings.

HEAR & SEE SPRINGTIME ALL AROUND

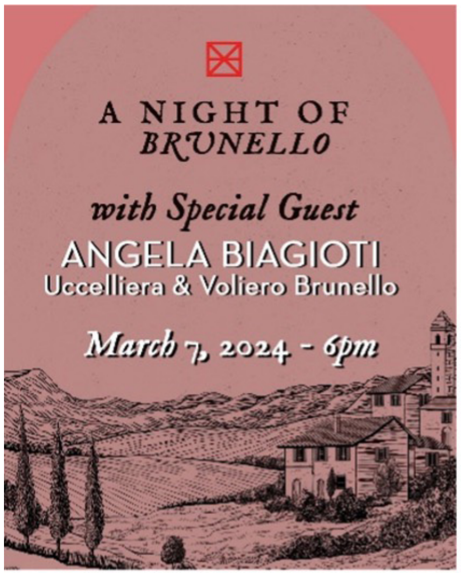
Join staff at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve for a relaxing Winter Sound Walk on March 2nd from 10 a.m. to noon. This hike will let you journey into the preserve's forests and meadows to listen for the many sounds of nature. Naturalist Jacob Crider will teach participants about natural acoustics, the sounds to animals, and dive into the valley of Little Huckleberry Creek. Donation: $10/person, $5/members, Children 6 and younger are free.

With the Vernal Equinox approaching, many flowers bloom in late winter such as native wildflowers like Harbinger of Spring, Cutleaf Toothwort, and Spring Beauty. Join staff at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve for a serene hike for Winter Blooms on March 16th from 10 am – noon. Follow paths through the Woodland Garden and in the forest to see a few special patches of native ephemeral wildflowers. Donation: $10/person, $5/members, Children 6 and younger are free.

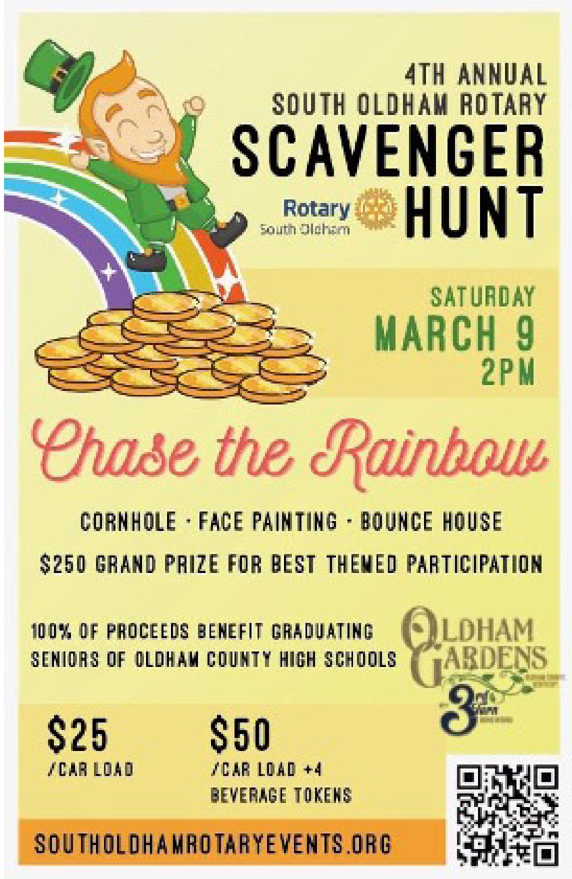
The best day of the year at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens is Opening Day on March 30th from 10 am - 4 pm. While at Yew Dell, shop the traditional hellebore and spring ephemerals plant sale, get a bite to eat from Martha Lee's Kitchen's spring menu, or sign up for any or all of Yew Dell's special Back to Basics – Horticulture 101 workshop series. Admission: Members are FREE/ Adults $9/Seniors 65+ & Ages 6-17 are $5/Children 5 & Under are FREE/Veterans, Active & Retired Military with ID are FREE.

ENJOY A MAGICAL MARCH EVENING

Experience "A Night of Brunello" at Hermitage Farm's Barn8 on March 7 from 6 - 9 p.m. Delight in an exclusive four-course dinner featuring the remarkable wines of Uccelliera, ranging from Rosso di Montalcino to Brunello di Montalcino. A carefully crafted menu compliments these exquisite wines, offering a genuine taste of Italy's terroir. Secure your seat for an intimate evening where wine passion and gastronomy come together. $175 per ticket.



The Oldham County Parks Department will present a night of intrigue with a "Who Done It" Mystery Dinner on March 16 from 6 – 9 p.m. at the John W. Black Community Center. Enjoy a special interactive dinner theater in cooperation with Theater Downstream. Includes a catered three-course meal, with a choice of two alcoholic beverages (beer or wine), soft drinks, tea or coffee. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Attire: Cocktail/Semi-formal (have fun with it). Must be 21 years of age or older to



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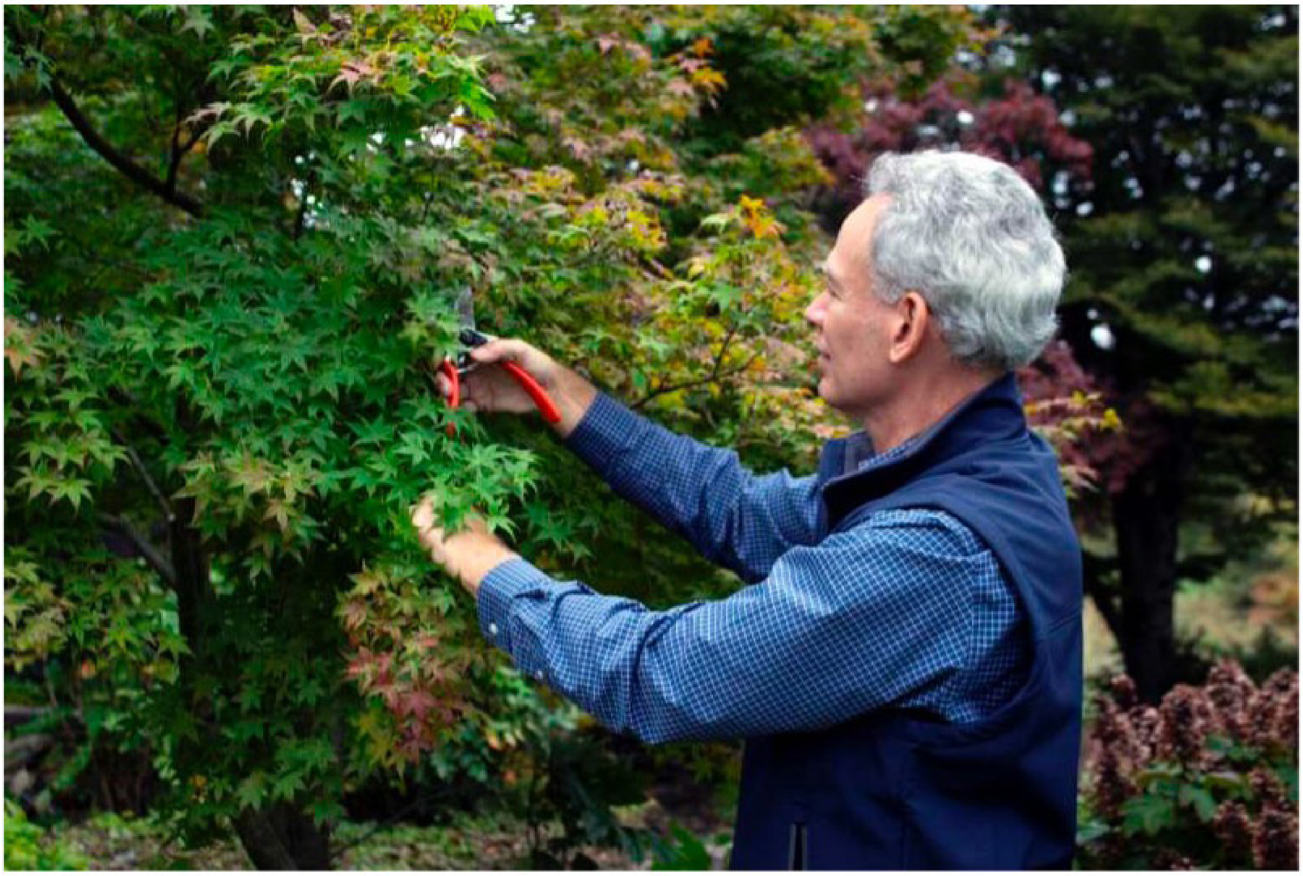

attend. Deadline to register is March 12. $65 per person/$120 per couple.

The Whiskey Files returns to Hermitage Farm! Carson Taylor of Peerless Distilling Co. will talk about how he and his son Corky have revived the Peerless heritage, now in its fifth generation, on March 21 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Enjoy some great bourbon, food and company for this special event. The Whiskey Files events are unique, discussion-based sittings with guest speakers from all across the whiskey industry of America.

SPRING IS MORE FUN WITH FRIENDS

Tease your brain and sign up to win prizes at Oldham Gardens Trivia Night! Thursday nights will never be the same - March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th at 6 – 8 pm. Enjoy drinks and snacks from Backside Grill while there. FREE admission/cost for food and drinks.

The South Oldham Rotary Club, in conjunction with 3rd Turn Oldham Gardens, presents the 4th Annual South Oldham Rotary Club Chase the Rainbow Scavenger Hunt on March 9 from 2 – 9 p.m. Participants will answer clues that will take them all around Oldham County, as they "Chase The Rainbow" to their final destination. A $250 Grand Prize will be awarded to the best St Patrick-themed car and passengers who complete the entire course, voted on by the community. An after party will be held at 3rd Turn starting at 4 pm. Bounce Houses, Corn Hole, Music, and Face Painting. 100% of the proceeds from this year's event will benefit graduating seniors that live in Oldham County. $25 carload. Beverage & Participation Cost: $50/carload and includes four 3rd Turn Beverage Tokens.

Join in the fun for a Friday Night Skate Party on March 15 from 6 - 8 p.m., hosted by La Grange Parks & Rec! Skate away the night as the La Grange Community Center is transformed into a roller-skating rink complete with party lights. Free water provided. Please bring your own skates.

BACK TO BASICS – HORTICULTURE 101 AT YEW DELL

Jeff Margreiter, Nursery and Greenhouse Manager, leads a Seed Starting Workshop for those brand-new to seed starting or folks who want a refresher on March 16th from 10:30 am – 12 pm. Jeff will discuss germination soil, light requirements, sowing depth, and watering techniques, among other topics. Workshop will be a blend of lecture and hands-on. You will "take the greenhouse home" with a reusable seed flat, tray, and dome, as well as small pots with your transplants. $60 - $70 per person.

Feed the Soil, Not the Plants Workshop will be held on March 30 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. It's time to totally rethink how you approach the fertilizer question in your garden. Join staff for a deep dive into creating healthy soils that naturally feed your plants just what they need, just when they need it. This workshop includes admission to Opening Day 2024. $25 - $35 per person.

Pruning Best Practices Workshop will discuss a few basic rules for pruning for shape, yield, structure or overall plant health, and attempt to demystify the often confusing questions about pruning. Bring along your pruners (if you have some) for a walk and talk and prune on March 30th from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This workshop includes admission to Opening Day 2024. $25 - $35 per person.

Often underappreciated and rarely examined closely enough, your soil is a bit like the foundation of your house. If it's not in good shape, nothing you build on top of it will be worth much. Spend some time in the garden with Yew Dell horticulture staff as we dig deep and help set you up for a great season in your own garden in It Ain't Just Dirt Workshop on March 30th from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. This workshop includes admission to Opening Day 2024. $25 - $35 per person.

For more information about these exciting March events, to book a stay and plan your itinerary in Oldham County, contact Kim Hydes, Executive Director of Oldham County KY Tourism & Conventions, at (502) 222-0056 or by email at Director@TourOldham.com, or visit TourOldhamKY.com.

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Great food off the beaten path

Market on 42, formerly Goshen General Store, was purchased by Kyle and Kimberly Schwan and renovated. The Schwans still want the market to be a family-friendly gathering place, and they are focusing more on clean, regionally grown foods.

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Although Kyle and Kimberly Schwan did a lot of hard work to renovate the former Goshen General Store, they decided to leave some of the original features intact. Kyle said the old window panes are "really cool and from the '20s." Kimberly said, "Josie's old wooden cutting board is back out now, cleaned and ready to go ..." referring to Josie Miles, one of the original owners when it was the general store.

Goshen General Store is now Market on Highway 42 in Oldham County

BY BOBBIE CURD
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Although a couple bought the old Goshen General Store and have renovated, redesigned, renamed and reopened it, they still want it to run as a community-oriented market. The Schwans say that at the new Market on 42, they are proud to offer food focused on natural ingredients.

'WE LOVE THE STORIES'

"Kyle is a classically trained chef — for over 25 years, and I did a lot of work in restaurants ... " says Kimberly Schwan. She and husband Kyle have always wanted to own and run a family-friendly market and deli, "and this place just fell into our lap."

Kyle says that in looking into the history of the place, he found out "it had been run as a general store all the way back until the late 1800s, it was the Trading Post, then it was the Mercantile, a hardware store, then the post office bought it. Then in the late '70s, Jack and Josie Miles bought it and turned it into the general store ..." until they retired.

The Schwans have heard lots of stories — they love it and want to hear more. Most of the people who come to Market on 42 tell them they've been coming there since they were kneecap-high.

"I say come buy a sandwich and tell us a story …" Kyle says.

Market on 42 has partnered with about five different local farms to supply products with more coming on board in spring. "We really do focus on natural ingredients — healthy, no preservatives, homemade clean food," Kimberly says, who grew up in Louisville.

Originally from Colorado, Kyle is classically trained in French and Italian cuisine. He's always made his pastas by hand, sauces and soups from scratch — everything fresh. But it wasn't until a former restaurant owner and chef he worked for took him on a field trip that Kyle really opened his eyes, he says.

"He took me to the farms where they raised lamb and cows, and grew produce. He said 'that's where food comes from.' I'd been a chef for nine years, through culinary school, but that's where it changed for me."

Then, a few years back Kimberly was suffering from migraines. Kyle says, "She was like 'I'm done with it.' We got rid of all the ultra-processed foods in the house, started making our own food. Preservatives are triggers, and we have two kids — we didn't want them growing up on fast food and chips constantly."

CLEAN FOOD CAN BE TASTY

Market on 42 offers sandwiches with all fresh meats with no fillers. The market sells harvested-to-order ham, and even a rich, fatty Parisian ham. Locally- and regionally-made cheeses, some from Amish and Mennonite groups, are also featured. "Nothing's sitting on a shelf with the places we go through to order our products …" Kimberly says. "They get it to you when you order."

Kyle knows it can be a turnoff to some to hear "clean, healthy food." But he says if it's done right, clean food is tasty. "And I'm an outsider who now considers himself a Kentuckian ..." he says. He and Kimberly met in Colorado, and moved to the area 10 years ago. "I was excited ..." he says. "It's a blessing to be out here in Goshen or La Grange — you're spitting distance from a farm."

The market also sells some decadent sweets, like donuts from Dough Baby and some in-house made pastries. "We do soups, salads. We've got things in the freezer, like family-style lasagnas, meatballs, shepherds and pot pies — all homemade, you can get and throw in the oven for 20-30 minutes," Kimberly says.

There are products like farm-made natural lotions, and items to help the immune system, for example, in addition to the grocery items.

They held a soft-opening a while back, and said it was very busy and "we learned a lot," Kyle says. "But to be honest, it was a mess ... we learned to be more prepared."

Kimberly, who is a social worker, has actually quit her job to work with Kyle full-time, so the couple says they're all in on this venture. Their two kids, aged 12 and 10, are also helping out in the market. "Izzy and Caleb both want to work here," Kimberly says.

The Schwans say their next big goal is to get outside seating up and going, and to plan a meet-the-farmers night. "Kids think food comes from the supermarket ..." Kyle says, and this is something he desperately wants to help change. "They need to see where it comes from, and the hands that toiled to make it. It's important."

Market on 42 is located at 11940 West U.S. 42 in Goshen. It's open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

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General Butler State Park offers a variety of amenities.

Kids will love the Splash Pad and playground at Point Park. The park also has two new Pickle Ball Courts that are very popular.

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Two Rivers Campground, owned and operated by the city of Carrollton, has 33 full-hook-up sites that are nicely paved.

Carroll County offers plenty camping options

BY MISTY WHEELER

DIRECTOR, CARROLLTON/CARROLL COUNTY TOURISM

Get Out and explore Carroll County in 2024! Let's go camping! March is the perfect time to book camping trips and explore the great outdoors.

Two Rivers Campground, owned and operated by the city of Carrollton, has 33 full-hook-up sites that are nicely paved. Camp hosts are on the property to ensure our visitors have a great stay. Kids will enjoy the playground and adults will appreciate the clean bathhouse. Visitors can stroll or ride bikes along the Kentucky River Walk to Point Park and enjoy beautiful sunsets over the confluence of the Ohio River and Kentucky River. Kids will love the Splash Pad and playground at Point Park. The park also has two new Pickle Ball Courts that are very popular.

General Butler State Resort Park has 111 campsites, playgrounds, two service buildings with showers and restrooms, a laundry facility and planned activities during the summer season. Hiking trails are scattered throughout the park. Paddle boat rides and mini golf make a camper's stay even more fun during the summer months!

Port William Apartments and RV Park is another camping option in Carrollton. The property is nestled on the bank of the Ohio River on Highland Avenue. Each of their RV sites are full hookup and open year round. Tiny homes are another option for guests wanting a quiet getaway without the work of setting up camp. They're proud to offer a clean, quiet and a safe location for a variety of travel needs including an extended stay for work or vacation.

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Muscatatuck Park offers scenic beauty in Jennings County

BY STAFF REPORTS

Jennings County is a natural paradise. The melting glaciers carved out an erratic labyrinth in the limestone bedrock. Muscatatuck translates into "Land of Winding Waters." The Muscatatuck River is the highlight here, but various streams interject the river creating their own beauty, often with small waterfalls, steep dells and exposed bluffs.

The river in Jennings has helped define not only the topography but the business landscape. Vernon is surrounded by the river and this natural barrier had a lot to do with its preservation. Development has been primarily North, giving Vernon a distinct persona. The river can be accessed in various places throughout the county. The three main access points are the Vernon Commons (level and good for canoes), the Vinegar Mill area in the Muscatatuck Park (overlook and foot access), and Crosley SFWA public access site.

After a long winter, Jennings County bursts into spring with an amazing spectacle of varied color perfection. Bluebells and spring beauty dominated the landscape, yet savvy flower viewers will have many varied species to enjoy. Many protected species can be found within the refuges and preserves.

Jennings is a great place to hunt. With the National refuges, Crosley SFWA and numerous private lands Jennings is a hunter destination. You cannot hunt in Muscatatuck Park but visit the surrounding properties and stay in our camp and relax after your adventure! Likewise, for those who prefer to view wildlife, the opportunities are numerous! Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge hosts an annual birding event "Wings over the Muscatatuck" each spring. The refuge boasts over 280 avian species.

The underlying Karst topography does lend itself to many caves and underground drainage systems. The Muscatatuck Park does not have caves accessible to humans, but the underground hydrological system is exciting. A very visually aesthetic spring shoots out of the middle of a limestone wall near the Vinegar Mill. Small caves on the property are often wildlife dens. The State caves in Crosley have been closed to minimize the impact of White Nose Syndrome, but many private caves are still open. There are a good number of Indiana Grotto associations. The NSS, National Speleological Society is the central information center.

Although the Muscatatuck River is not navigable in late summer, late winter to early summer provides great floating opportunities. The winding river makes the ride very picturesque with the small falls, numerous boulders, and often shady overhangs. Come at the right time and you will not be disappointed!

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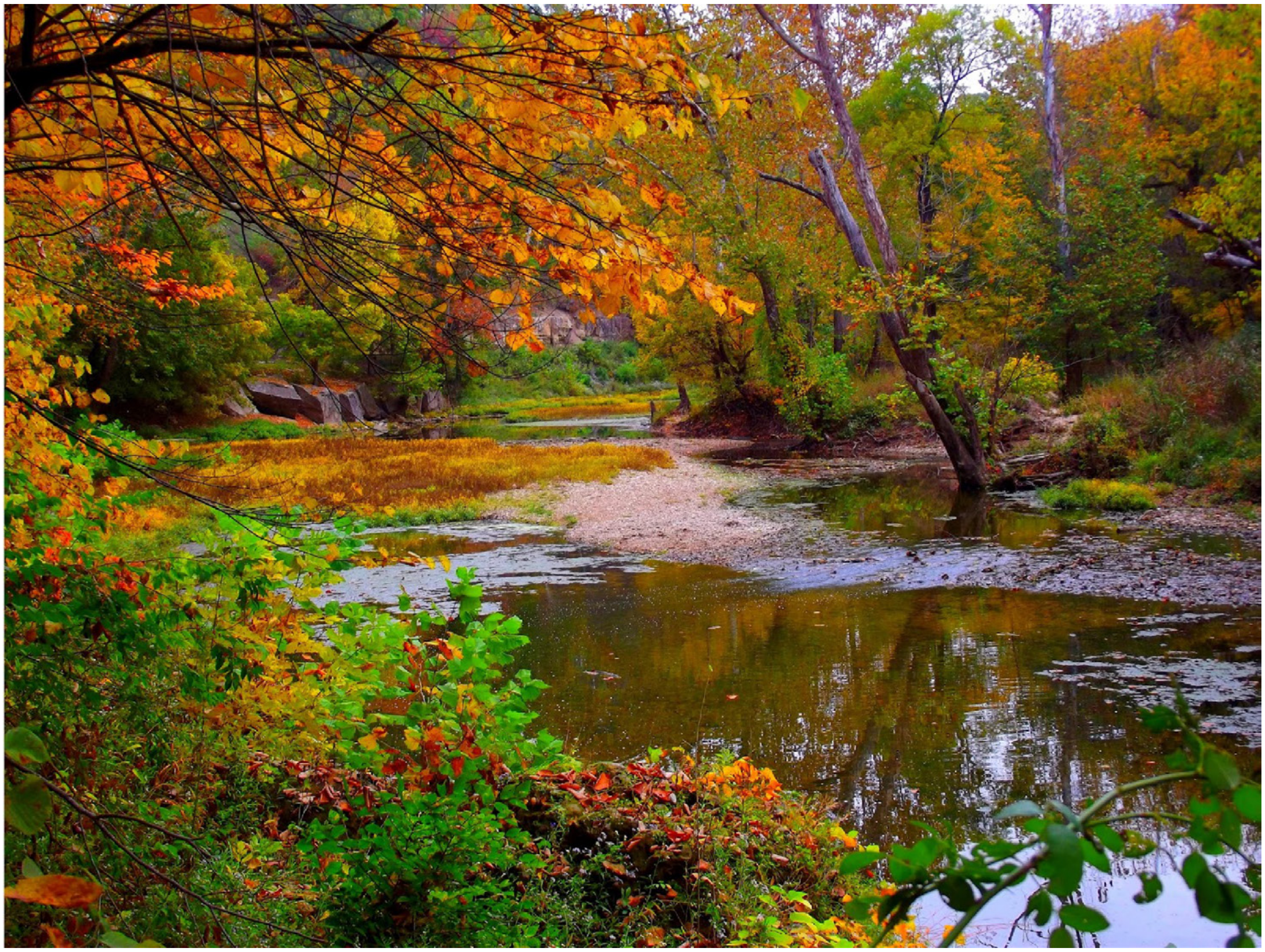

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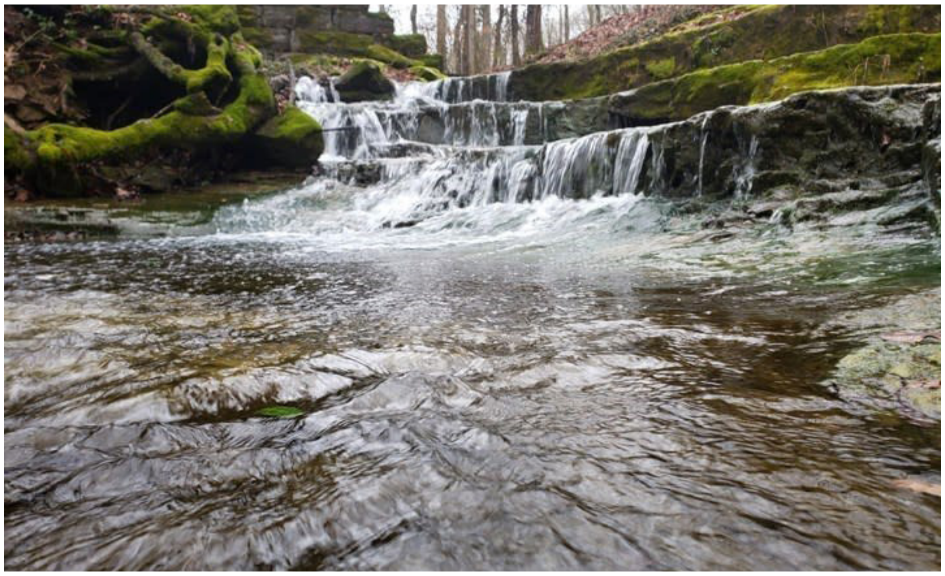

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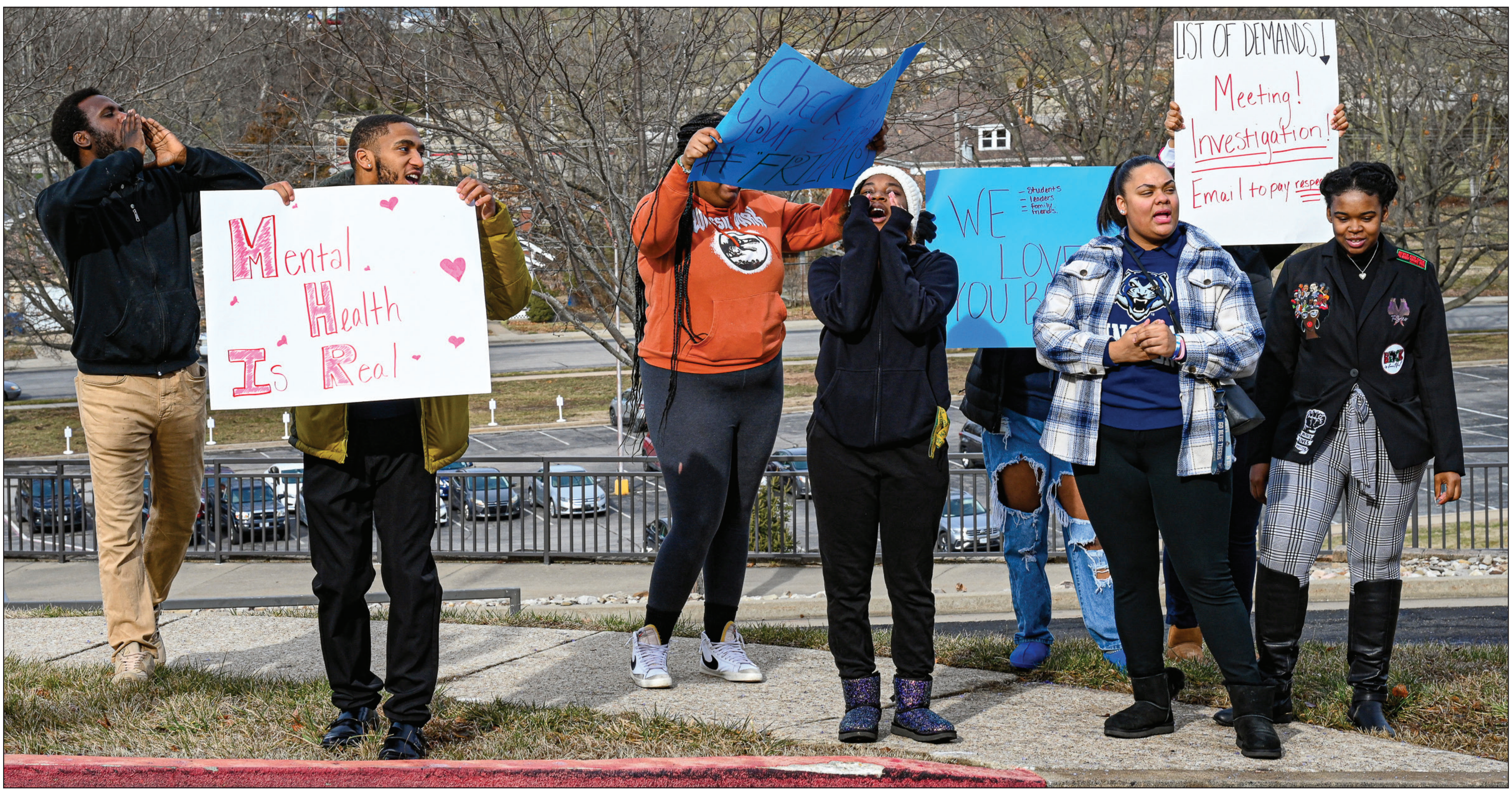
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Lincoln University students protest Jan. 18 outside the administration buildingm, calling for the removal of school President John Moseley in Jefferson City, Missouri, after the death of Antoinette Candia-Bailey.

When strength, resilience and #BlackGirlMagic is a burden

By DARCEL ROCKETT
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

CHICAGO — When Lincoln University administrator Antoinette “Bonnie” Candia-Bailey took her own life last month, the news broke the internet, a family friend said in a eulogy during homegoing services in Joliet, Illinois.

People had a lot to say about the death of the 49-year-old Chicago native who was the Missouri school’s vice president of student affairs: She was a conduit, a convenor and, most passionately, an advocate, said her friends, family and colleagues.

The abundance of national headlines, social media posts, essays, tributes and video conferences that ensued created a torrent of emotion, ultimately shining a light on the struggles Black women bear not just in the workplace but specifically as scholars and administrators in higher education. Many Black women in leadership roles say they face bullying, racism and misogyny as they strive for success in and outside the academic community.

Candia-Bailey’s death brought to the fore how consistent mistreatment and marginalization can chip away at their mental health, resulting in devastating consequences.

Inger Burnett-Zeigler, a clinical psychologist and associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, said now is an opportunity for supervisors and colleagues to examine how they are paying attention to colleagues’ mental health and what steps they’re taking to help them get critical resources.

“There’s been this narrative that Black women are not vulnerable to suicide, but trends are showing that there is an increased risk of suicide among Black women and this is an unfortunate example of the ways in which Black women are suffering that are not often recognized,” said Burnett-Zeigler, a Black woman who authored “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen: The Emotional Lives of Black Women” in 2021. “We should use it as a wake-up call to better pay attention to our own needs and to better advocate for the resources that we need.”

A lot of people connected with Candia-Bailey’s story for a number of reasons, said Laura Morgan Roberts, an author and tenured professor at the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business. Morgan Roberts, who is Black, said she has heard countless stories about the toll being Black in academia or positions of power takes on their physical and mental health.

“It’s a constant dance between being told we’re too much, and we’re not enough all at the same time,” said Morgan Roberts, who has spent the past 20 years studying Black women in leadership.

“We give our bodies over to this work, and then we get blamed for the shortcomings,” she said.

Data found in a number of publications, including Bloomberg,-Forbes and The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, show that this experience of not being supported, of being unable to take off the cape is a pattern. “We don’t often get the credit that we deserve or the support that we need,” Morgan Roberts said. “Just living in that fraught space, there are health consequences.”

Less than a year ago, Lincoln University of Missouri, a historically Black school, was celebrating Candia-Bailey’s return to her alma mater as a top administrator. In an April 2023 news release, the president of the Jefferson City-based university, John Moseley, wrote that she brought “a wealth of experience to move the entire university forward,” and that she was “the right leader.”

By January, she was fired. A few days later she was dead.

Following Candia-Bailey’s death, numerous reports and emails shared with friends revealed she was allegedly harassed by Moseley, a white man. In 2023 prior to her dismissal, Candia-Bailey requested time off through the Family and Medical Leave Act to deal with her “severe depression and anxiety.”

A statement from the university, posted on Facebook on Jan. 11, had hundreds of comments, conveying feelings of sorrow for Candia-Bailey and anger toward the school and Moseley. Hashtags of #JusticeforBonnie and #firemoseley are prevalent. Protests continue in her name on campus demanding change. Moseley is on paid leave while an outside review is taking place of personnel issues regarding compliance with the university’s policies.

LaDonna Candia-Flanagan, Candia-Bailey’s aunt, said her family doesn’t want Bonnie’s life and what she endured to be in vain.

“We’re hoping that the Lincoln University investigation provides an opportunity to send a message that bullying in the workplace will not be tolerated,” she said. “From this, I hope employers learn to listen to their employees when they have an outcry of needing accommodations for their well-being.”

Candia-Bailey’s story is not just one woman’s story that can be explained away by her unique circumstances, researchers and advocates say.

Black people are 20 percent more likely to experience serious psychological distress than white Americans, and yet, Black women are about half as likely to seek mental health care, according to a 2023 report on Black women and mental health.

The irony is that Candia-Bailey herself addressed the hurdles Black women have to overcome to excel in the workplace in her 2016 dissertation, “My Sister, Myself: The Identification of Sociocultural Factors that Affect the Advancement of African-American Women into Senior-Level Administrative Positions.” The work detailed the obstacles Black women face in academia; struggles that Candia-Bailey herself would endure. She’s not the only one who wrote about the topic either.

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Researchers and advocates note the negative attitudes, public smear campaigns, pressures and lack of support Black women in leadership roles in academia and other industries are wrestling with regularly: They include nationally targeted attacks against initiatives that help Blacks get into leadership positions and the lack of quality support to help them remain in those positions in a healthy and meaningful way.

Morgan Roberts pointed to the former president of Harvard University, Claudine Gay, the first Black female president in the institution’s history, as an example. In January, Gay resigned when she was accused of plagiarism following her testimony before Congress last year about Harvard’s response to antisemitic speech on campus.

“Claudine Gay lost institutional support from Harvard, who just months before had been quite happy to publicly tout her historic leadership and presidency,” Morgan Roberts said. “What I see in the story of Candia-Bailey is another leader who happened to be Black, happened to be a woman, happened to need a certain level of support and did not receive that support institutionally.”

To help chip away at the problem, Black women need to create networks where they support and look out for each other, essentially be each other’s keepers, said Judith Allen, chief operating officer of Communities in Schools of Chicago, a nonprofit working to increase high school graduation rates.

These networks provide safe spaces where Black women support one another, validate their experiences and ultimately, speak their truth, Allen said.

Allen is a Black woman who created an affinity group for other Black women and people of color at her organization to come together to discuss the stresses of their work.

“If you work in a space where there’s a lot of you that look alike, create that bond, have those conversations off the record,” Allen said.

For Black women in leadership roles, camaraderie and support can be particularly difficult, as their numbers are fewer, Allen said. “The higher we go, the less we have a network, the less we feel we can be honest,” she said.

That’s why support and safety nets are so critical; such efforts could save lives.

“We have this natural affinity toward being the caregiver, no matter what role we’re in,” Allen said. “There has to be a safety net in place for the individuals who are doing the looking out, the ones in these leadership spaces, who are caring for populations that are marginalized or don’t have an advocate.”

Candia-Bailey wrote a letter to Moseley before she died accusing him of bullying and mistreating her. As of press time, the findings from a third-party independent review of the situation have not been released.

Workplace bullies are particularly harmful to women of color, according to a 2022 Harvard Business Review article about toxicity in the workplace. The article references a nationwide 2021 survey from PrismWork in partnership with nFormation CQ and the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiative indicating that out of 1,500 women, 70 percent of women of color felt they had to prove themselves over and over again just to be rewarded fairly and almost 20 percent were less likely to feel supported by their managers and feel their skills and experience are valued and leveraged.

Burnett-Zeigler said she often guides Black women to support groups such as The National Alliance on Mental Illness and the podcast, “Therapy for Black Girls” hosted by Joy Harden Bradford, a licensed psychologist in Atlanta. The podcast serves as a community of Black women sharing their challenges and exchanging resources.

Organizations should focus on how all employees experience four key freedoms to thrive at work, said Morgan Roberts, who has written several papers on the topic. Employees from historically marginalized groups are often given less access to these freedoms, she wrote last year in the Harvard Business Review.

Morgan Roberts explains the freedoms as:

■ The freedom to be your authentic self. This means existing in your work environment with your personality, values, ideals and actions all aligned, regardless of outside pressures. Morgan Roberts references how dress codes for hair, makeup and clothing are put in place for the workplace to ensure Black people don’t appear too ethnic.

“We have to get state and federal legislation in the form of CROWN Acts to permit us to wear our hair to work the way that it naturally grows out of our head. This is all extra labor that’s required just to show up,” she said.

The CROWN Act (an acronym for Create a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural Hair), bans race-related hair discrimination in the workplace, housing, and places of public accommodations. Illinois’ CROWN Act went into effect Jan. 1, 2023.

■ The freedom to become. Specifically, the freedom to become one’s best self. For women who want to lead at the highest levels in the workplace, it means to aspire and to grow and not to have a ceiling that is constantly creating barriers and obstacles. Morgan Roberts added that as they advance in their careers, it’s experiencing fulfillment and gratification.

■ The freedom to fade. To periodically step back from the spotlight and performance pressure for their mental health. Candia-Bailey wasn’t afforded that, Morgan Roberts said.

“The opportunity to take off the (superhero) cape,” she said. The mindset is, “Once I get the job, then I have to work so hard just to prove that I deserve it. I just gotta keep going, going, going until there’s absolutely nothing left in the tank. You can only imagine what all of the physical and mental health costs are of that.”

■ The freedom to fail. To have the opportunity for a second chance after a mistake.

The conversation about support for Black women has been an ongoing one, where terms such as #BlackGirlMagic and words, including “resilient” and “strong,” are no longer seen as positive to one’s mental health, advocates say. Instead, they add superhuman connotations to humans already trying to cope with an inordinate amount of stressors.

For some, the option to walk away, if they are able, might be the best path.

Many Black women don’t want to endure the battle and fight to prove their worth, because so many have done so already and yet, societal or professional change has been minimal, Burnett-Zeigler said. She aims to help women recognize their own vulnerabilities and empower them to do what they need to do to better take care of themselves.

“Acknowledge that you’re suffering,” she said. “Don’t push it down, ignore it or push through it. Instead, advocate for what you need.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

Frank Herbert's 'Dune' is a climate and environment story

Are you paying attention?

By CONRAD SWANSON
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Zendaya in a scene from "Dune: Part Two."

Timothée Chalamet in a scene from "Dune: Part Two."

House Atreides has fallen. Duke Leto is dead and his son, Paul, lives in hiding, gathering his strength and awaiting the right moment to leave the Fremen sietch and reclaim his birthright from the twisted Baron Vladimir Harkonnen.

Will our hero succeed? Is he a hero at all? What new challenges must he confront living among the dunes, storms and sandworms?

You see, Paul Atreides' fate – and that of the intergalactic empire – is inextricably linked to the climate and ecology of the desert planet Arrakis. Frank Herbert designed his beloved story, "Dune," that way intentionally, as a critique of our own world and a cautionary tale for the future.

Millions will find out how it all ends this weekend when Denis Villeneuve's "Dune: Part Two" premieres in theaters across the country.

Or perhaps you've read the book(s) and already know how it turns out. Either way, "Dune" fans everywhere should be pleased that the trailblazing book finally has a good – dare I say great? – movie adaptation.

"Dune" has amassed quite a loyal following since the novel's debut in 1965. Herbert served as an early pioneer of science fiction with a climatological and ecological spin – "cli-fi" as folks in-the-know call it.

A Tacoma native and University of Washington attendee (not graduate), Herbert wasn't the first to explore the subgenre, but his insights carry over into today's world better than most. He cemented an uncannily prescient, even chilling, legacy for his most beloved work.

Without spoiling the second half of the story too much, let's take a look at some of Herbert's most enduring warnings.

"It's not a hopeful book, it's a pessimistic book," said Devin Griffiths, an associate professor of English and comparative literature at the University of Southern California. "It's deeply critical of business-as-usual."

Before we dive into the relationship between Herbert's planet and ours, let's get a few basics out of the way. In the story, we've got a barren and dry planet covered in sand, occupied by the indigenous Fremen people and imperial colonizers who occupy the northern hemisphere and harvest "Melange," also known simply as "spice."

Melange is a drug, sacred to the Fremen and precious to the broader galactic empire because it enables interstellar pilots to safely navigate through space. Without the spice, interplanetary economies would crumble and so too would the empire.

Therein lies the catch and the conflict. Not only do the Fremen detest colonizers mining their planet for spice and often attack them, the mining operation is also a dangerous activity in and of itself. Melange is a byproduct of the massive sandworms that also inhabit the planet. These scaly creatures, 400 meters long and with thousands of long, razor-sharp teeth, attack the mining operations without fail.

Take the sandworms out of the equation and a few things about spice might start to sound familiar. This is a rare substance, found on foreign soil, needed for travel, underpinning entire economies, the building block of whole governments, something over which generational wars are fought.

You might think of oil, other fossil fuels, maybe even lithium. Could be any hard-to-come-by resource.

This is a story of scarcity, power and violence, said Jesse Oak Taylor, an associate professor at the UW's Department of English.

"You have to be trying really hard not to see these convergences happening around us," Taylor said.

Who loses when these factors converge? Often Indigenous, minority and less-wealthy populations who have fewer resources and less leverage to fight back and advocate for themselves.

Take the concept one step further. We understand that using fossil fuels generates greenhouse gasses. Not only do those emissions poison the air, again, disproportionately harming poor, rural, Indigenous and minority communities, but the atmospheric warming they're triggering also compounds that harm.

For his story, Herbert drew heavily from his time in his native region, taking into consideration both the ecology of the Pacific Northwest and its Indigenous people, Griffiths said. He also took inspiration from the Aboriginal Australians, the Bedouin of Northern Africa and the Maasai of Kenya and Tanzania.

As with these peoples, water in "Dune" is a scarce resource among the Fremen on Arrakis, something to be conserved at every opportunity.

Make no mistake, Earth's changing climate means we'll be forced to find and conserve water in different ways as well. That's even true in the Pacific Northwest, a region famously accustomed to an abundance of water.

As for the broader ecology of "Dune," Herbert also tied the sandworms – called Shai-Hulud by the Fremen – to the production of oxygen on Arrakis. This is an important connection, Griffiths said, that actually predates James Lovelock's Gaia theory, which says living organisms on Earth help create, regulate and maintain the planet's atmosphere.

Take in the whole scene together and a picture emerges of a delicate climatological and ecological balance on Arrakis. To be sure, it's a harsh planet that's chewed up colonizers for as long as they've invaded the place.

So what does Paul Atreides, played by Timothée Chalamet, do? He stops fighting the environment and the Fremen, and starts working with them. He harnesses the power of the desert and its people.

Herbert calls the concept "desert power" in the book, a phrase he borrowed from T.E. Lawrence (better known as Lawrence of Arabia) and his experience with the Bedouin, Griffiths said.

There's another similarity between Atreides and Lawrence, perhaps Herbert's most important one. They're both white foreigners in positions of power using Indigenous people to suit their own desires.

While Atreides is living in the desert, learning the Fremen way, his mother stokes the flames of an ancient prophecy among the community, convincing them that her son is their chosen one. They rely on that prophecy and religious fundamentalists who believe in it to seize power.

Does Atreides use this prophecy to defeat the Harkonnens, who are objectively terrible? Yes, but his ascendancy results in a deadly, intergalactic holy war.

Is that an improvement? Or just more of the same brutality?

Herbert wrote about his distrust – hatred, even – of hero worship and how it influenced Dune for the July 1980 issue of Omni Magazine.

"Personal observation has convinced me that in the power arena of politics/economics and in their logical consequence, war, people tend to give over every decision making capacity to any leader who can wrap himself in the myth fabric of the society," Herbert wrote. "Hitler did it. Churchill did it. Franklin Roosevelt did it. Stalin did it. Mussolini did it."

"Don't give over all of your critical faculties to people in power no matter how admirable those people may appear to be," he continued. "Beneath the hero's facade you will find a human being who makes human mistakes. Enormous problems arise when human mistakes are made on the grand scale available to a superhero."

The messages are clear in Herbert's books and essays (and director Denis Villeneuve's adaptations). They're not even particularly subtle. Did the majority of people who read them over the decades listen?

Taylor submits not. If they had "we would not be in the fix we are in in 2024," he said.

But certainly enough people paid attention to keep interest in the story alive for generations.

"Dune" also paved the way for other speculative fiction authors offering similar warnings, Taylor said. Think Margaret Atwood and Seattle's own Octavia Butler. Earlier or contemporary voices to Herbert's in this space include Ursula K. Le Guin, Richard Jeffries, J.G. Ballard and J.R.R. Tolkien (yes, "Lord of the Rings" is an environmental story).

Go read, try to listen to what these writers have to say.

And what then, dearest Frank Herbert? What do we do then?

We figure it out.

"You find your own solutions," Herbert wrote in 1980. "Don't look to me as your leader."

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MOVIE REVIEW

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Julio Torres, left, and Tilda Swinton in "Problemista."

Julio Torres' absurdist directorial debut 'Problemista' a cutting, incisive satire

By KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service (TNS)

'Problemista'

★★★★

MPA rating: R (for some language and sexual content)

Running time: 1:38

How to Watch: In theaters Friday

As our unofficial poet laureate Taylor Swift once shamefully confessed: "It's me, hi, I'm the problem, it's me." Sometimes having big dreams can be a real problem; sometimes just existing in the world can be a problem, too. In Julio Torres' earnest and absurdist directorial debut "Problemista," he suggests that perhaps becoming the problem yourself is the only way to make it through the nightmarish maze that is the American dream.

Torres introduces himself alongside this tricky quandary in "Problemista," though the Emmy-nominated writer for "Saturday Night Live," and the creator and star of the HBO series "Los Espookys," will need no introduction for some. Torres, who wrote, directed and stars in "Problemista," is from El Salvador, and his mother is an architect and designer who collaborated on his 2019 HBO comedy special "My Favorite Shapes." In "Problemista," Torres plays Alejandro, an aspiring toy designer from El Salvador living in New York City, whose mother, played by Catalina Saavedra, is an architect and designer. Alejandro, who dreams up strange little toys with mundane issues, is in the process of applying to a talent incubator program at Hasbro while working at another company that's sponsoring his visa, a cryogenic preservation company called FreezeCorp.

It's at FreezeCorp that Alejandro meets the woman who will turn his life upside down and in doing so, shapes the central philosophy of "Problemista." Art critic Elizabeth (Tilda Swinton) is the wife of Alejandro's frozen charge, a painter named Bobby Ascencio (RZA) who chose to freeze his body when he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Elizabeth believes wholeheartedly that FreezeCorp will eventually figure out how to reanimate Bobby, and in the meantime, she's got to get organized, and that's where Alejandro comes in.

After an unfortunate mishap, Alejandro is let go from the company, and in Elizabeth he finds a dangerously aligned spirit: they both desperately want something, and possess just enough deranged optimism to go after it. He agrees to assist her in putting together an art show of Bobby's work (exclusively paintings of eggs) and she promises she'll sponsor his visa, a necessity for him to stay in the country and also, at some point, to earn money.

With her Manic Panic magenta mop and frazzled demeanor, Elizabeth moves through the world like a battlefield, terrorizing waiters and customer service representatives, and constantly fighting technology on which she barely has a grasp, but is convinced will fix everything. She's fixated on a niche computer program called FileMaker Pro that becomes a running joke, and one haunting image – of a white phone charger wrapped around a stiletto heel – is at once nonsensical and deeply communicative of her bizarre world.

Alejandro has shaped his demeanor to be soft, pleasant and nonthreatening; he nods yes and agrees to everything in order to be accepted. Torres gives Alejandro a strange little jog for his gait, and his hair has a perpetual cowlick, which adds to his childlike demeanor. His innocence has been cultivated by his artist mother, who created a fantasy world for him in the jungles of El Salvador, but Alejandro's naivete is also a necessary delusion to keep pushing through the labyrinth that is the United States, traversing preposterously complex economic and immigration systems designed to keep one out rather than welcome anyone in.

"Problemista" is a cutting, incisive satire that slices the art world and immigration system open with a thousand tiny paper cuts. It is deeply funny, stacked with jokes and an ensemble cast who color in this world, including James Scully as a laughably privileged foil to Alejandro, Greta Titelman as a snobbish gallery assistant, and Spike Einbinder as one of Alejandro's roommates who's always inviting him to a terrible party. As a filmmaker, Torres animates Alejandro's experience with magical realism, turning phone conversations and internet searches into fantastically surreal sequences. Larry Owens plays the living embodiment of Craigslist, wrapped in tech ephemera, while the increasingly combative conversations between Elizabeth and Alejandro about "syncing the databases" are configured as an epic battle between a knight and a many-headed hydra set in a canyon bathed in red light.

Elizabeth becomes Alejandro's foe, a many-headed hydra of making his life a living hell with demands for CD-ROMs and overnight packages, holding him hostage with the promise of granting him acceptance into this country. He fights and fights, until he realizes that what she has granted him is the gift of permission to become a problem, to take up space, make noise, demand what you want, and to find the power in that.

It's a story unique to Torres, but deeply relatable to anyone who has ever strived to achieve something. This absurdist comedy becomes a beautifully moving piece about how we make it through the world with desperation and hope, and the hard-earned lessons we find in each other.

TV REVIEW

In 'Mea Culpa', attorney-client privileges include sex and painting

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

'Mea Culpa'

★★

MPA rating: R (for strong sexual content, graphic nudity, language, some violence and drug use)

Running time: 2:00

How to watch: Netflix

Now steaming on Netflix, as well as streaming, the super-ripe Tyler Perry legal thriller "Mea Culpa" has zero hold on reality-based behavior. But life is short. Why demand something so dull of something like this? No need pleading guilty-pleasure when the movie itself pleads no contest within minutes of introducing Chicago's most ethically fluid defense attorney, played by Kelly Rowland.

Attorney Mea Harper takes the case of accused murderer Zyair Malloy (Trevante Rhodes), very big in the art world and living in a very big loft to prove it. His high-ceiling workplace, also his sexplace, is accessed by a freight elevator on loan from Glenn Close and "Fatal Attraction."

The legal eagle is not in a good place of her own as "Mea Culpa" embarks on its merry, trashy way. The attorney's anesthesiologist husband (Sean Sagar) has been semi-secretly unemployed for eight months after getting high on his own supply. Her brother-in-law (Nick Sagar) is the district attorney, itching to prosecute the accused artist and further his own mayoral ambitions.

Mea's in-laws wriggle under the thumb of her husband's not-nice mother (Kerry O'Malley), near death after a cancer diagnosis but full of vitriolic zingers. Early in "Mea Culpa," shot mostly in Atlanta with a few exterior bits on location in Chicago for fake authenticity, mom is birthday-gifted with a many-thousand-dollars wristwatch. "How much was it?" seethes the resentful, cash-strapped Mea on the ride home. Don't worry, her husband replies, "I sold the piano."

Enticed by the prospect of going head-to-head in court against her DA brother-in-law, Mea goes all in with the case of the mysterious hunky artist. Zyair's up against considerable circumstance evidence, including cellphone footage of one of his missing-presumed-dead ex-lovers screaming "HE'S GOING TO KILL ME!" But did he? And what's the story behind the fractured skull bits embedded in one of the artist's paintings?

Mea keeps it strictly business for a scene or two. Then it's sexytime, full of candlelit finger painting on various body parts. Quicker than you can draw a Jagged Edge around the Body of Evidence, "Mea Culpa" gets squirrelier and squirrelier, though much of Perry's dialogue in the earlier scenes sets the tone. "I am your attorney. I am not your friend," Mea states for the record, although she's no match for the come-ons murmured by Rhodes: "I find you incredibly attractive … the way you smell … your brilliance … all very intriguing." The Isaac Hayes cover of "Walk on By" on the turntable takes it from there.

Writer-producer-director Perry knows what he's doing here, and what he's willfully overdoing. If the relatively chaste 2020 Netflix ripoff "Fatal Affair" can revive the late '80s-mid-'90s cycle of legal trouble, Perry can too, with more skin and some polish to go with the ridiculousness. Amanda Jones' cello-lined musical score is a real plus, even if its restraint is fundamentally at odds with the reasons we watch stuff like this. Which are?

For many, the reasons go back to the simple pleasures of heckling, either out loud or in our own interior monologues. It's not about derision, really, even with setups and payoffs as wait, whaaaaat? as those in "Mea Culpa." When Zyair forces his lawyer to watch him in flagrante delicto with an anonymous nude groupie, appearing out of thin air, it's practically an improv prompt. Also, Zyair happens to live directly above an underground crimson-hued sex club. You know, as one does. Imagine the homeowner association fees.

Tyler Perry the screenwriter may never come close to the skill level of Tyler Perry the first-rate actor; he does not appear on screen here, which is sad. But Tyler Perry the producing entertainment force remains an empire of its own.

MUSIC REVIEW

Olivia Rodrigo is 21 years young in thrilling 'Guts' tour opener

By MIKAEL WOOD
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

As her keyboard player slowly cycled through the chords of her song "Teenage Dream," Olivia Rodrigo stood onstage Friday night and proclaimed that her nightmare hadn't come true.

The Grammy-winning singer and songwriter was maybe 20 minutes into the opening date of her world tour behind her 2023 album, "Guts," which closes with that mournful piano ballad about fearing – even (or especially) as a child – that your best years are already behind you. She wrote "Teenage Dream" a few days before she turned 19, she told the capacity crowd at Acrisure Arena here, "at a time when I was really afraid of growing up."

But instead of flaming out in the wake of " Drivers License," the instant-smash 2021 single that vaulted Rodrigo to pop superstardom, here she was in front of 11,000 adoring fans: not merely a teen-phenom survivor but a thriving adult.

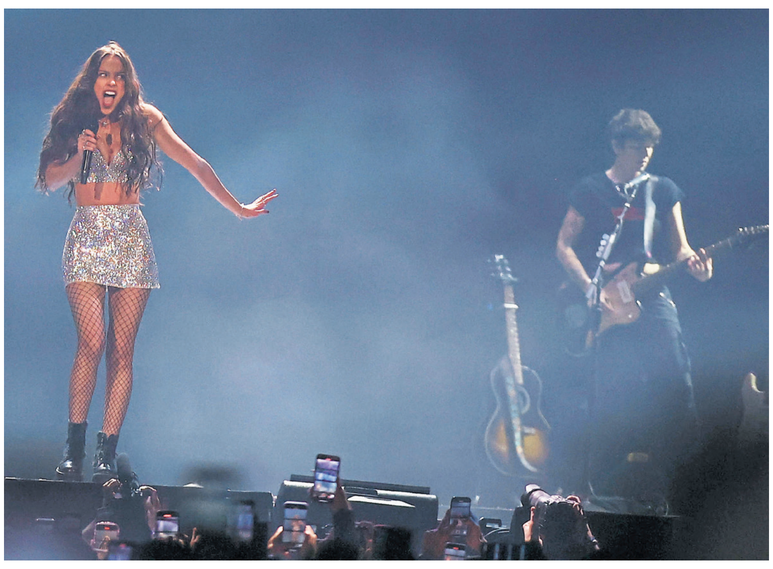
"I don't know if you guys know this, but I turned 21 a few days ago," she said to cheers that made clear everybody knew this. "I went to the gas station the other day and I bought a pack of cigarettes and a case of beer. I promise I didn't consume it, but I just bought it just 'cause I (expletive) could." More whoops.

"All of this to say that I think growing up isn't so scary after all."

A dyed-in-the-wool theater kid who got her start in the Disney universe, Rodrigo is still using her power to heal those afflicted with the disease of adolescence. Her songs on "Guts" – like the ones on her 2021 debut, " Sour " – channel the sense of injustice that defines being a teenager whom no one understands; even when the music is grappling with the specifics of Rodrigo's overnight celebrity – as in "The Grudge," which many have assumed addresses a falling-out with Taylor Swift – it seeks to make space for the universal outrage of having to deal with clueless parents and insensitive ex-boyfriends.

"You look happy and healthy," she sang with one such ex in mind near the end of Friday's show, in "Good 4 U," before adding with something like pride: "Not me." It was one of countless moments in which she was honoring the emotional turmoil faced by her young audience.

Yet grow up Rodrigo certainly has: This tour, which will keep her on the road through a four-night stand at Inglewood's Kia Forum in August, is a more elaborate affair than her first outing, with plenty of arena-gig spectacle – something she purposely avoided with "Sour," playing mostly in smaller venues two years ago. She had a troupe of dancers clutching handheld mirrors as they twirled around her in "Pretty Isn't Pretty"; she writhed on a see-through portion of the stage during "Obsessed" as a camera leered at her from below.



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Olivia Rodrigo performs during the opening night of her "Guts" tour at Acrisure Arena on Feb. 23 in Palm Desert, California.

For "Logical" and "Enough for You," two of her most intimate songs, she strapped herself onto a glowing crescent moon that floated out over the crowd – an appealingly whimsical super-sizing of the ritualized pop-star confession. And after she introduced "Teenage Dream" with her tale of turning 21, giant video screens flickered to life with clips of a kindergarten-age Rodrigo playacting the showbiz finesse to come.

For all its flash, though, the production never overwhelmed Rodrigo's performance, which showcased her strong live vocals – her singing in "The Grudge" felt almost laser-guided – and her close, affectionate interplay with her seven-piece band, which consisted entirely of women and nonbinary people.

Rodrigo's music switches between crisp, guitar-based pop-punk and florid, Broadway-steeped piano balladry, and here she seemed eager to push each mode to new extremes. She took her time in the slow-moving "Traitor" and "Drivers License," communicating the pain of betrayal with the cracks and burrs in her voice, while "Ballad of a Homeschooled Girl" and a very rowdy "Brutal" would've sounded at home on the Warped Tour (or perhaps even Ozzfest). Rodrigo did the snarling "All-American Bitch," about the impossible demands of modern womanhood, as a kind of gallery of annoyance; she also changed a lyric about her "perfect all-American hips" to call attention to her "perfect all-American tits."

For "Happier" and "Favorite Crime," Rodrigo sat cross-legged at the lip of the stage with only one of her guitarists accompanying her – just two musicians working through their complicated feelings in real time with the tools at hand.

Friday's 90-minute concert, which featured every song from "Guts" and all but a couple from "Sour," ended with "Get Him Back!," a rap-rock banger that weighs the comforts of a reunion against the pleasures of revenge. Then she came down from the stage to greet fans in the front row, one of whom handed her a tiara that she quickly placed atop her head.

Her people had spoken.